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MINUTES

OF THE

Eleventh Annual Session

OF THE

Columbus

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

WHITEVILLE, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.,

Nov. 15th, 16th and 17th, 1898.

NEXT SESSION TO BE HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT BOGUE, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C., BEGINNING THURSDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER, 1899.

J. L. MEMORY, Moderator..... .... Whiteville, N. C.

A. J. MAXWELL, Clerk and Treasurer..... .... Whiteville, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Rev. C. F. Ramsbottom, Rev. A H. Haruly, Rev. W. S. Ballard, Rev. E. W. Wooten, Rev. J. J. Adams, Rev. A. H. Porter, and Brethren J. L. Memory and Thos. Barefoot.

Proceedings.

The Columbus Baptist Association convened in its eleventh annual session in the Whiteville Baptist Church Tuesday, November 15th, 1898, with religious exercises and sermon by Rev. John E. White, Secretary of State Mission Board, the introductory sermon being postponed till the Tuesday night session. Bro. White preached from the text: "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation," after which the Association adjourned for dinner, which was served on the grounds.

The Association reconvened at 1:30 o'clock. Rev. E. W. Wooten read 2nd chapter 1st Thessalonians and prayer was offered by Rev. C. F. Ramsbottom.

After these devotional exercises the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. J. L. Memory.

In the absence of the Clerk, Bro. A. M. Kelly, Rev. A. H. Porter was elected temporary clerk.

On motion, letters from churches were called for, read and accepted as follows:

Cheerful Hope—C. M. Carr, J. C. Walker.
Cherry Grove—Alfred Worley.
Griffins X Roads—G. W. Lennon, Hosea Williamson, Chester Edmond.
New Hope—W. J. Dyson, H. L. White, A. W. Thompson.
Union Grove—J. W. Powell, D. S. Hinson, A. M. Hinson.
Smyrna—J. C. Black, J. F. Thompson, N. W. Fryar.
Piney Forest—L. I. Yates, W. H. Vann, M. P. Williamson,
Mt. Tabor, W. E. Mills, Isaiah Hewett, Reubin Smith.
Porter Swamp—D. R. Williamson, M. M. Hammond, W. H. Faulk.
China Grove—J. G. Jackson, F. D. Page, J. J. Ward.
Button—H. M. Bullard, T. J. Rabon, A. M. Gappins.
Cross Roads—Ira Lennon, A. H. Porter, A. M. Kelly.
Whiteville—A. F. Powell, E. B. Howell, R. T. Thompson.
Pleasant Hill—T. J. Bass, W. F. Boswell, D. T. Frink.

Committee on Programme recommended that after effecting permanent organization, report on State Missions be read and discussed, and, if possible, that report on Home Missions be read and discussed. Also that the introductory sermon be preached at 7:30 by Elder Ramsbottom. Adopted.

Address of welcome on the part of the Whiteville Baptist church to the Association was made by Rev. J. T. Betts and responded to by Rev. A. H. Porter on the part of the Association.

On motion Bro. J. L. Memory was re-elected Moderator and A. J. Maxwell was elected Clerk.

Report on State Missions was read by Rev. J. T. Betts as follows:

State Missions is that department of our work in which all the associations are united in practical efforts to give the Gospel to the destitute sections of our State, and to estab-

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lish Baptist churches and Sunday schools in every town, village and community in North Carolina. For more than one hundred years our people have been engaged in this work and there are now hundreds of Baptist churches all over our State, in the towns, villages and country places, which stand as monuments that have come through the persistent efforts of this Board, and yet the work is not all done. The success of all our Foreign Mission work depends on our State Mission work. Here at home we must lay a foundation upon which to raise the structure from which shall go out an influence that shall bless the nations of the earth. Then, dear brethren, let this work have your money, sympathy and prayers. I believe that this is the harvest age of the world, and the golden sheaves are being gathered in "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious sheaves, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

J. T. BETTS.

Report was discussed by Rev. J. E. White explaining the purpose and work of the State Mission Board.

A collection of $16.00 was then taken for State Missions and roll called and following pledges made for next year for this object: Chadbourn, $10.; China Grove, $2.; Cherry Grove, $2.; Cheerful Hope, $3.; Cross Roads, $15.; New Hope, $5.; Pleasant Hill, $2.; Piney Forest, $10.; Smyrna, $3.; Whiteville, $15.; Cronly, $5.; Flemington, $5.

Rev. Mr. Jones, of Maxton, also addressed the Association on the subject of State Missions.

Report on Home Missions was read as follows:

In 1845, when this Board began its work, the entire population of the South was about eight millions, and the Baptist numbered only one quarter of a million. To-day the same territory holds within its limits twenty-five millions, and of these not exceeding eight millions make any profession of religion, leaving seventeen millions of unregenerate persons, and of this number about one-half are inclined to our Baptist faith. Our population has thus been increased by the moving tides of immigration from foreign lands, and we must give them the Gospel. The work of the Board may be divided as follows: The work among the Negroes, Indians, foreign population, native whites and the Cubans. The last reports show the employment of 372 missionaries, who had baptised 4,760 persons. The churches furnished $59 184.09, besides $19,090.27 in boxes of supplies which supplemented the meagre salaries of the laborers. Thus God is blessing our efforts, and in this way the Gospel is largely being given to the world. Let us turn our faces towards Cuba and take the island for Christ. Respectfully submitted.

A. H. PORTER.

Discussed by Bro. J. C. Caddell, State Secretary Home Mission Board.

Visiting brethren were recognized by the Moderator and invited to seats with the body: Rev. J. E. White and Bro. J. C. Caddell, of Raleigh; Rev. D. J. Moore, of Red Springs; Rev. Mr. Jones, of Maxton, and Mr. Archibald Johnson, representing the Thomasville Orphanage, and Bro. Cobb, of the North Carolina Baptist.

Upon motion, the following committee was appointed to confer with the committee appointed by the Cape Fear Baptist Association in regard to consolidation of the two Associations: Revs. A. H. Porter, C. F. Ramsbottom, W. W. Willis and Brethren W. J. Dyson and D. R. Williamson.

The Association then adjourned.

A large congregation was present Tuesday night to hear the introductory sermon by Rev. C. F. Ramsbottom, who preached from John 16:8: "He will reprove the world of sin."

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. W. Willis, and Association called to order by Moderator. Roll call disclosed absence of quorum, which was due to the inclemency of the weather, and upon motion the Association proceeded to business subject to approval of quorum.

Report of Treasurer, Bro. A. M. Kelly, read and received.

Bro. J. L. Memory made verbal report for committee appointed at last session to solicit Baptist churches in Columbus county not members of the Columbus Association to join the same, stating that the committee had corresponded with these churches, but had received no responses. Report received, and upon motion the Association resolved itself into a committee of the whole for discussion of a proposition to combine the Cape Fear and Columbus Baptist Associations. Discussion by Revs. C. F. Ramsbottom, W. W. Willis, J. T. Betts, and Brethren J. G. Jackson, Thos. Thompson and J. I. Williamson. Further discussion was deferred for report of committee.

The following additional church letters were read and received:

Flemington—J. W. Dickson, J. D. Peterson.

Crouly—(By letter.)

Livingston Chapel—M. M. Bordeaux, Porter Huffham, G. W. Applewhite.

Letters from Flemington and Crouly churches asked admission into the Association. Applications referred to committee.

The following committee was appointed to examine into and report on applications to join the Association: Revs. A. H. Porter, C. F. Ramsbottom and J. T. Betts.

Unfinished business from yesterday, being the report on State Missions, was taken up and further discussed by Revs. J. T. Betts, C. F. Ramsbottom, A. H. Porter and A. H. Harnly, each giving detailed reports of the missionary work done in the bounds of the Columbus Association during the year. Report on Home Missions adopted.

Adjourned for dinner, which, on account of the inclement weather, was served in the church.

Association re-convened. Song, "Calling To-Day." Prayer by Rev. W. S. Ballard.

Report on Sunday Schools was read as follows:

The last minutes of the Cape Fear and of the Columbus Associations plainly prove that the church membership who claims or manifests an interest in this delightful and Scriptural department of worship is in the minority. Of the two counties Brunswick proves a better Sunday School record than Columbus. Less than one-third of the membership practically identify themselves in promoting their Sunday School interest, and at least two-thirds of that one-third of pupils and teachers are females. The temperature or body heat of children enable them to endure the cold seats of the school house and church during cold season better than their parents and middle aged persons, and if the church service is continued there is no excuse for the schools to suspend, for even the habit of holy observance is more wholesome and profitable to even the body than roaming desecration of the Sabbath. The destitution of the Bible and good religious literature in our bounds is on the increase and already alarming, and according to the best estimate there are now in proud America 12,000,000 children without Sunday school or any Christian training. Have we not 1,000 among us applicable to Dr. Baily's quotation re-

garding public schools, the still small voice of children

"Crying in the night,
Children crying for the light,
And with no other language but a cry."

But if 85 per cent. of church membership is brought through the Sunday School that is only one among a hundred reasons for enlarging and establishing our Sunday school enrollment. The church or Sunday school organization that does not include business in their work enjoys a very feeble and faulty religion, with progress dwindled in every department. Resolve, therefore, that each Sunday school superintendent be requested, by pastoral co-operation, to commission two or more missionaries to go out to all and invite them to come in. The secretaries should assist and furnish each with blanks with appropriate headings and assigning them separate lands for exploration of the school jurisdiction during a given month, February or March, until the census or Sunday School enrollment of all children and persons above four years that should attend some Sunday school until the enrollment is completed The result can be reported to the next Association or to a general Sunday school or rally next spring. Also including the number of families and persons destitute of the Bible. Hoping that correct statistical reports will be a revelation and incentive to action, Respectfully, J. L. MEMORY.

Discussion by Brethren J. F. Harrell, J. L. Memory, Revs. A. H. Porter, A. H. Harney, J. T. Betts, C. F. Ramsbottom. Report adopted.

Committee on membership reported, recommending the reception of Flemington and Cronly Baptist churches into the Association. Report adopted and right hand of fellowship extended.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. A. H. Porter was adopted:

Resolved, That Brethren J. F. Harrell, A. H. Porter, C. C. Gore, J. L. Memory and B. H. Harnly be appointed a committee to make necessary arrangements for a County Sunday School Institute, to be held at such time and place as they may agree upon.

Report on Home Missions was again taken up and discussed by Revs. C. F. Ramsbottom, A. H. Porter, J. T. Betts and Brethren J. F. Harrell and — Peterson. A collection of $2.13 was taken for this object and following pledges made for this object for the coming year: Chadbourn, $2.; China Grove, $2; Cross Roads, $10.; Porter Swamp $2.; Piney Forest, $2.; Smyrna, $2.; Whiteville, $15.; Griffin's Cross Roads, $4.; Button, $1.; Cronly, $2.50; Flemington, $5.00.

Report on Intemperance was read as follows:

Intemperance is one of the sins that has helped to influence almost billions of souls away from Christ. Not only that, but the many dollars spent in this way should be spent for education and missionaries. Respectfully. W. S. BALLARD.

Discussion by Rev. W. S. Ballard. Laid over till Thursday's session.

Adjourned till Thursday.

Preaching Wednesday night by Rev. A. H. Harnly from Acts 1:8: "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

THURSDAY.

Opened by devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. S. Ballard.

Letter of Chadbourn church presented, read and received. Delegates, Thomas Thompson, Wm. Ramsbottom, S. H. Thompson, B. H. Harnly and S. F. Thompson.

reported as follows:

Committee on programme for next Association, appointment of Executive committee and delegates to Southern and State Baptist conventions

Programme for next Association—Orphanage, J. L. Williamson; Intemperance, G. W Lennon; State Missions, A. H. Porter; Home Missions, A. H. Harnly; Foreign Missions, Pastor of Whiteville church; Education, A. M. Kelly; Aged Ministers' Relief, C. F. Ramsbottom; Sunday Schools, B. H. Harnly; Colportage, A. J. Maxwell.

Executive Committee—J. L. Memory, C. F. Ramsbottom, A. H. Harnly, W. S. Ballard, E. W. Wooten, J. J. Adams, A. H Porter, Thos. Barefoot.

Delegates—To Southern Baptist Convention, A. H. Porter; to State convention, J. L. Memory.

Revs. E. W. Wooten, W. S. Ballard, and Brethren Thos. Barefoot and J. M. Shipman, of the Cape Fear Association, were recognized by the Moderator and welcomed to seats.

Report on intemperance was again taken up and discussed by Revs. A. H. Porter, A. H. Harnly, W. S. Ballard and J. T. Betts. Report adopted.

Bro. J. H. Williamson, of Williamson's X Roads church, made verbal application for admission of that church into the Association. Referred to committee.

Report on aged ministers' relief was read as follows:

There is no object which should appeal more strongly to the sympathies and contributions of our Association than that of aged ministers' relief. There is no way in which we can give a more practical evidence of our Christianity than in contributing of our means to the support of the worthy ministers who have grown old and feeble in the service of the Master—in establishing the work as we find it to day. They are entitled to our support not so much as a charity as a duty which we owe them, because of their faithful and often unremunerated services, and because conditions and usages are such that they rarely receive an income which allows them to lay aside provision for old age.

A. J. MAXWELL.

Report adopted.

Report on Education was read as follows:

The question of Education is a broad one and one of vital importance. That the highest possible moral and Christian perfection may be attained it is essential that the highest possible intelligence shall prevail. That this end may be attained we must educate. Education to do the greatest good must be harmonious in its development of the physical, mental and spiritual in man. The common schools should be so perfected as to educate the mind to the best advantage and give right instruction along health lines. Moral and spiritual instruction is principally imparted through the various institutions of the church. Hence a great responsibility which we should appreciate and therefore act accordingly Through the home, school and church we should do all we can to educate the body, mind and soul.

B. H. HARNLY.

Discussion by Bro. B. H. Harnly and Rev. A. H. Harnly. Adopted.

Bro. Cobb addressed the Association in behalf of the N. C. Baptist.

The committee on consolidation of the Cape Fear and Columbus Associations reported, recommending consolidation under the name of Cape Fear and Columbus Association; also that the next session be held with church at Bogue, to meet Thursday before third Sunday in October, 1899.

The report was discussed under a special rule limiting speeches to five minutes. Discussed by Rev. W. S. Ballard, C. F. Ramsbottom, E. W.

Wooten, A. H. Porter, A. H. Harnly and J. T. Betts.

The report was adopted, thus effecting the consolidation of the two Associations, as the Cape Fear Association had already taken action and invited similar action by the Columbus Association.

One of the main objects for the consolidation was that the two Associations combined could be enabled to employ a special missionary to do missionary work in the bounds of the combined Association and pledges for this object were made as follows: Rev. W. S. Ballard, $10.; Rev. C. F. Ramsbottom, $10.; Rev. A. H. Harnly, $10.; Rev. E. W. Wooten, $10.; Rev. J. T. Betts, $10.; Bro. J. L. Memory, $10.; Bro. Wm. Ramsbottom, $5.; Bro. B. H. Harnly, $2.50; Bro. Ira Lennon, $2.50.

A collection of $2.16 was taken for aged ministers' relief.

Upon motion a resolution of thanks was extended the citizens of Whiteville for entertainment of the Association.

Report on Orphanage was read as follows:

We are glad to report the Orphanage in better condition, in every way, than ever before in its history. The central or school building has made the school work far more efficient and satisfactory, and the progress made by the children the last year is very gratifying. A residence for the general manager has been completed and is now occupied. The infirmary, which was used by Bro. and Sister Boone is now in the hands of a capable matron, where the sick and delicate can have every attention. There are now 170 children at the Orphanage. The prospect is that there will be 200 there early in the coming year, and churches must increase their contributions in order to meet the increased demand. The farm paid last year something over $600 above all expenses; the paper put $450 into the treasury above its running expenses. It is hoped that the dividends from these sources will be still larger this year. The children are surrounded with a wholesome religious atmosphere. A meeting has just closed in which there were ten bright professions and a deep feeling of interest pervaded each service. We hope the churches will greatly enlarge their offerings to the Orphanage during the year upon which we are entering. Committee.

Bro. Arch Johnson, of the Thomasville Orphanage, addressed the Association in behalf of this institution, after which the report was adopted, and upon motion it was ordered that churches be requested to hold Thanksgiving services and take collection in money and kind for Orphanage. A cash collection of $2.66 was taken.

Report on Foreign Missions was read as follows:

The Baptist denomination boasts that her churches are founded on the doctrines and principles laid down in the New Testament, that she is "striving for the faith once delivered to the saints," and that she is "keeping the ordinances as they were delivered unto her." If her claim can be established, (and it can) then she is under obligation as no other denomination to give the truth of God to the world. The Lord is saying to her today "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." He is blessing her work as no other denomination. Now since the spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions and since the missionary spirit is the hope of our churches, therefore be it resolved,

1st. That our pastors be requested to preach on Foreign Missions during the year and take regular collections for this work.

2nd, That they make an effort to induce their members to take the Foreign Missionary Journal and other missionary literature and in whatever way they can interest the people in Foreign Missions. C. F. RAMSBOTTOM, Committee.

Discussed by Revs. C. F. Ramsbottom and J. T. Betts. Report adopted. Pledges for the coming year for this object were taken as follows:

Chadbourn, $10.00: Smyrna, $3.00; Whiteville, $15.00; Griffins X Roads, $2.00.

Report on Colportage was read as follows:

The work of the Colporter is that of the "Sower who soweth the word." It is one of the most important works that our association can engage in. The work of distributing Bibles and Testaments and other good books is next to that of preaching the Gospel. There is this difference in favor of the Colporter: The minister sows the seed by the handful; the colporter sows it by the bookful. Who can estimate the power and influence of the Bible in our homes? And next to your family Bibles I would recommend good books. They shape and mould human character and destiny like good friends. Next to our Savior the Bible is our best friend and companion. Good books that give us the biographies of great and good men and tells of their trials and triumphs are the handmaids of the Bible and we cannot do a greater work for our home, it seems to me, than to send the Colporter and his books into our homes. We, your committee, recommend that such is the destitution in some parts of the country that we endeavor to secure a Colporter for our association for the next year, and that we urge our people to treat him, not as a book agent, but "esteem him very highly in love for his work's sake."

J. T. BETTS.

Discussed by Rev. J. T. Betts. Report adopted.

Upon motion Rev. A. H. Harnly was appointed to preach the introductory sermon at the next association; alternate, Rev. J. J. Adams.

Letter of Macedonia church was read and received. Delegates, W. K. Nance, Jasper Williamson, Bindrey Williamson.

Committee reported favoring acceptance of Williamson's X Roads' Baptist Church into the Association. Report adopted.

Upon motion the reading and approval of the minutes was referred to the executive committee.

The Columbus Baptist Association then adjourned sine die.

J. L. MEMORY, Moderator.

A. J. MAXWELL, Clerk.

FINANCIAL & STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptised.	Rec'd. by Letter.	Restored.	Total.	Dis'd. by Letter.	Excluded	Died.	Total.	Males	Females	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidentals.	Poor.	Minute Fund.	Repairs.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Ministers' Relief.	Other Objects.
China Grove		5	..	5	..	2	1	3	30	46	82	104 89	.....	.....	40	.....	7 19	.....	.....	.....	. ..	.....	.....
Cherry Grove	..	2	3	5	3	11	..	14	62	140	202	- ..	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charlbourn	3	9	...	12	...	...	...	...	19	29	48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cross Roads	2	3	1	6	1	1	.	2	61	104	165	100 00	19 00	.....	1 25	.....	15 60	5 5	11 1	2 00	4 39	3 25	5 00
Cheerful Hope	2	2	2	6	...	...	...	...	11	18	29	13 79	.....	.....	25	.....		15	23	.....	37	.....	.....
Button	5	6	...	11	7	1	2	10	22	27	50	25 00	.....	...	.....	.....	3 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Flemington	2	7	...	9	...	...	...	...	9	13	22	23 33	.....	.....	60	.....	3 66	.....	2 00	.....	1 00	75	.....
Griffin's Cross Roads	2	6	1	9	0	2	1	12	4	93	142	80 60	60	.....	35	.....	9 53	13 59	11 8	....	1 85	.....	6 09
Livingston's Chapel	2	3	2	7	2	1	...	3	35	59	94	57 61	8 25	.....	20	.....	5 00	... ..	..... .	.....	1 00	.....	3 80
Mt. Tabor	7	1	3	11	1	12	3	16	56	124	180	87 50	5 85	....	1 00	.....		66	.....	.....	... .	.....	.....
Macedonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	....	.....	30	.....	.....	. ....	1 12	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hope	7	2	4	13	3	2	5	10	10	80	120	50 00	20	....	97	18 00		50	2 75	.....	1 35	.....	5 00
Piney Forest	5	...	.	5	4	...	.	4	27	53	80	75 60	18 08	.....	25	.....	12 87	8 00	2 13	.....	7 76	5 41	.....
Porter Swamp	6	2	1	9	18	4	2	24	34	71	105	100 00	.....	.....	.....	33 20	8 55	7 50	3 15	.....	.....	2 60	
Smyrna	2	8	...	10	5	7	1	13	45	66	111	50 00	.....	.....	96	....	2 00	1 00	3 00	.....	... ..	.....	3 00
Union Grove	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	10	15	25	12 00	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Whiteville	2	2	...	1	2	..	1	3	35	56	85	250 66	29 61	1 01	2 00	15 00	21 75	34 87	35 50	1 00	5 80	3 60	.....
Crosby	6	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	8	8	16	.....	.....	.....	25	... .	5 00	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....
Pleasant Hill	2	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	17	32	49	25 00	. ....	.....	25	.....	1 30	.....	2 27	.....	...	.....	.....
*Oak Dale	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Seven Creeks	..	...	...	..	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	... .	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	... ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

* Not represented.

PASTORS, CLERKS & THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.
China Grove	C. Stanley, Sterling, N. C.	D. F. Edwards, Cerro Gordo, N. C.
Cherry Grove	C. Stanley, Sterling, N. C.	Elisha Coleman, Fair Bluff, N. C.
Chadbourn	A. H. Harnly, Chadbourn, N. C.	J. A. Thompson, Chadbourn, N. C.
Cross Roads	C. F. Ramsbottom, Chadbourn, N. C.	A. M. Kelley, Bladenboro, N. C.
Cheerful Hope		H. M. Bullard, Cerro Gordo, N. C.
Button	C. Stanley, Sterling, N. C.	H. C. Wayne, Lake Waccamaw, N. C.
Flemington	J. T. Betts, Whiteville, N. C.	G. W. Lennon, Orton, N. C.
Griffin's Cross Roads	M. A. Stephens, Lumberton, N. C.	M. M. Bordeaux, Applewhite, N. C.
Livingston's Chapel	David Hilburn, not given.	McD. Fowler, Mt. Tabor, N. C.
Mt. Tabor	C. Millican, Ashe, N. C.	W. W. Brown, not given.
Macedonia	C. P. Bullock, not given.	Z. K. Dyson, Vineland, N. C.
New Hope		J. W. Powell, Grist, N. C.
Piney Forest	E. W. Wooten, Whiteville, N. C.	P. T. Goodwin, Cerro Gordo, N. C.
Porter Swamp	J. T. Betts, Whiteville, N. C.	N. W. Fryar, Whiteville, N. C.
Smyrna	A. H. Porter, Orton, N. C.	D. J. Hinson, Lebanon, N. C.
Union Grove	G. W. Stanley, Lebanon, N. C.	Wade Wishart, Whiteville, N. C.
Whiteville	J. T. Betts, Whiteville, N. C.	J. T. Russ, not given.
Cronley	J. T. Betts, Whiteville, N. C.	W. A. Bass, Peacocks, N. C.
Pleasant Hill	C. P. Bullock, not given.	

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PROCEEDINGS.

Elder Haynes Lennon called the messengers to order, and explained the object of the meeting.

On motion, Eld. A. G. Stocks was elected temporary Moderator, and Eld. Haynes Lennon, clerk *pro tem.* Brethren T. J. Stanley and N. W. Friar, reading clerks.

The Moderator read 1st. Psalm, and the congregation praised God with the use of 28th. Hymn of Baptist Hymnbook. Eld. D. J. Ray invoked the Divine direction.

Appointed brethren D. J. Ray and G. H. Macon a committee of Finance.

Called for and read the letters, enrolled names of messengers from the following churches:

New Hope—G. H. Macon, E. White, R. G. Butler,.....	$ 1 50
Seven Creeks—A. G. Stocks, T. J. Stanley, M. J. Stephens,.....	1 20
Union Grove—D. J. Hinson, J. B. Skipper,.....	50
Union Valley—N. W. Friar. B. R. Bowen, James Bright,.....	80
Whiteville—Haynes Lennon, D. J. Ray, T. S. Memory,.....	2 65
Minute Fund,.....	6 65

Proceeded to permanent organization, whereupon Dr G. H. Macon was elected Moderator, and Eld. Haynes Lennon, Clerk and Treasurer.

The following brethren, Lisha Meary from Iron Hill X Roads Church, Thomas Bass, James Jolly, U. F. Boswell from Pleasant Hill Church, and D. McNeill from Pee Dee Association, N.C. were invited to seats to aid the Association in the work of organization.

On motion, appointed Elder Haynes Lennon and Brethren T. S. Memory and Edward White a committee to prepare a Constitution and Rules of Order for the government of this Association of Churches.

The committee retired, and Brother D. Mc.Neill addressed the audience in quite a felicitous and edifying manner, while Eld J. W. Gore followed encouraging the churches in this important organization.

The committee on Constitution and Rules of Order reported—Report received and unanimously adopted. See Appendix.

Moderator announced a recess of thirty minutes.

Business resumed at half past one o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Eld. Haynes Lennon.

Committee of Finance reported $6.65 for minutes. A collection of $2 48 was added, making $9.13. Ordered that the committee of Finance pay the same to the Treasurer.

Ordered that the Clerk procure the printing of as many minutes as the funds will justify.

Unanimously agreed that the next session of this body be held with the church in Whiteville commencing on Friday 11 o'clock A M. before 3rd. Sunday in Nov. 1889, and that Eld. Haynes Lennon preach the introductory sermon.

The messengers in attendance most cordially invited the entire ministry in the Association to visit and preach a series of days for their respective churches during the incoming year.

Agreed that the Clerk be paid $5.00 for his services and that the several churches endeavor to raise the amount and deposit the same with Bro. T. S. Memory.

Agreed that this Association appoint messengers to, and to solicit correspondence with the following Associations; Robeson, Haynes Lennon; Cape Fear, D. J. Ray; South Atlantic, A. G. Stocks; Waccamaw, R. G. Butler.

Resolved, that the thanks of this body be tendered to this church and community for their very hospitable entertainment of the messengers and brethren.

Agreed that the churches of this Association observe Friday before the 3rd, Sunday in July 1889, as a day of

general thanksgiving to Almighty God for his blessings bestowed on us, both temporal and spiritual.

The clerk then read a carefully prepared paper on "The nature and power of Associations" which, on motion, was ordered to be appended to these Minutes for the consideration and observance of the churches of this Association.

Appointed Brethren Haynes Lennon, T. S. Memory, G. H Macon, D. J. Ray, E. White an Executive Committee to whom all unfinished business shall be referred; also to superintend the spiritual interests of the Association for the ensuing year.

Adjourned to time and place above specified.

G. H. Macon, Moderator.

Haynes Lennon, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION

—— OF ——

Columbus Association.

Preamble. From a long series of experience, we, the within named churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, in order to perpetuate an union and communion amongst us, and preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other in our union: We therefore propose to maintain and keep the orders and rules of an Association of Churches, according to the following plan and form of government.

Article I. This Association shall be composed of messengers chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly authorized by a certificate officially executed to represent them in the Association; who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the practical purposes contemplated by this body of churches.

Article II. In the letters from the several churches, shall be expressed their numbers baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, expelled, died during the past year and their number in full fellowship.

Article III. The messengers thus chosen and convened, shall be denominated the Columbus Association being composed of Sundry churches in Columbus County, and State of North Carolina as set forth in the minutes of our annual sessions, who shall have no authority to make laws for the churches, interfere with their discipline, nor in any manner to control them.

ARTICLE IV. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a parliamentary decorum.

ARTICLE V. The Association shall have a moderator, Clerk and Treasurer who shall be chosen by the sufferage of the members present.

ARTICLE VI. The majority of the entire number of churches composing this body shall be a quorum for the holding the annual sessions of this Association.

ARTICLE VII Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association; but shall have only three members from each church.

ARTICLE VIII. New churches,and such other churches as may have dismissed letters from other Associations may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination (if found orthodox and orderly) shall be received by the Association,and manifested by the moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE IX. Every query presented by any church or member of this body, shall be twice read; and before it be debated the moderator shall put it to vote, and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken under consideration, and be disposed of as the Association shall deem most to the glory of God.

ARTICLE X. Every motion made and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it before being debated; but if after being debated, it must be by permission of the body under motion.

ARTICLE XI. This Association shall be auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in all its benevolent enterprises.

ARTICLE XII. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of annual sessions of the Association.

ARTICLE XIII. This body shall have an Association Fund for defraying the expenses connected with the prosecution of its business. For the raising and supporting

of which, we think it the duty of each church in the union, to contribute voluntarily, such sums as they shall think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to the Association; and those monies thus contributed by the churches, and received by the Association, shall be deposited in the hands of a Treasurer, by the Association elected, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies by him received and paid out, according to the direction of the Association and that the Treasurer shall present vouchers in general settlement.

Article XIV. There shall be an Association book kept where in the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a Secretary elected by the Association, who shall receive a compensation yearly, for his services.

Article XV. The minutes of the Association shall be read (and corrected if need be) and signed by the moderator and Clerk before the Association.

Article XVI. The Association shall have power:

1st. To provide for the general union of the churches.

2nd. To preserve inviolably a chair of communication amongst the churches.

3rd. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

4th. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

5th. To appropriate those monies by the churches contributed for an Association Fund, to any purpose legitimately connected with the interests of the Association

6th. To appoint any member or members, by and with their consent, to transact any business which the Association may deem necessary for the glory of God.

7th. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in this union, which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion.

8th. To admit any of the visiting ministry, and all corresponding brethren, as assistants, who may be present at the time of their sitting.

9th. To change this constitution by a vote of three fourths of all the churches.

10th. To adjourn to any place and time agreed on by the Association.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

ART. 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present.

ART. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

ART. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

ART 5 He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, faillings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light or ideas.

ART. 6. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association. without liberty from the Association.

ART. 7. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of a public speech.

ART. 8. No member of the Association shall address another in any other terms or appellatives but the title of brother.

ART. 9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member, nor prohibit him from speaking, till he gives his light on the subject, except he breaks the rules of this decorum.

ART. 10. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association requires.

ART. 11. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject, who may give his opinion if he pleases before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall have no vote himself unless the Aassociation be equally divided.

ART. 12. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules, shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

THE NATURE AND POWERS OF ASSOCIATIONS OF CHURCHES

As the communion of saints, so the communion of churches, is a desirable blessing, to obtain and promote which ought to be the study and pleasure of all the people of God.

Churches formed on the Gospel plan are independent of each other relative to *power*, but the reverse in regard to *communion*. For if saints in general have an indisputable right to participate in the gifts and graces of each other, so have churches in a joint capacity.

In order to obtain the blessing of communion more fully, there ought to be a coalescing of several churches into one body, so far as their local situation and other circumstances will admit, but as it is impracticable for all the individual members of the several churches thus associated to attend, the better way by experience has been found to be, to represent by a delegation of the most able and pious of said churches, particularly the Ministry, yet so as by no means to give the latter the ascendency in point of members. Such an assemblage should be held annually at such times and places as would be most conducive to the great end proposed by said confederacy.

Such delegation, when convened, should keep in view their covenant for the promotion of Christ's cause in general, and the interest of the Churches they represent in particular.

Although such a combination of churches is not expressly commanded in Scripture, yet it receives sufficient countenance and authority from the light of nature, and the general laws of society, as to leave without a doubt its propriety. There is one precedent established by *Apostolic authority* recorded in Acts, chapter XV.

An Association thus formed is a respectable body; it represents not a city, country or nation, but the Churches of Jesus Christ. It is by no means deemed a superior

judicature, vested with coercive power or authority over the churches; it presumes not to impose its sentiments on its constituents, under pain of excommunication; nor does it anathematize those who do not implicitly submit to its determinations, which would be nothing less than spiritual tyranny, and better comport with the arbitrary spirit of *Popish Councils*, than with that meekness which characterizes the humble followers of Christ. The *Apostles*, *Elders*, and *Brethren*, who composed the first Christian Council, presumed not to impose their decisions upon the churches in a Lordly manner, but prefaced their determinations with this modest introductory: *It seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things.*" Baptist Associations assume no higher a title than that of *Advising Councils;* consistent with which epithet they ought always to act, when they act at all, without infringing upon the rights of independent congregational churches. Never-the-less, they have a natural and unalienable right to judge for themselves, what churches shall be admitted into confederacy with them, and to withdraw from all such churches as obstinately persist in holding corrupt principles, and doctrines incompatible with the New Testament, after proper and timely admonition has been given them.

The benefits arising from an Association of churches are many. In general, the truth, order, and discipline of the Gospel will be maintained.

More particularly:

1. The churches may have such doubts as arise amongst them removed, and avoid serious contentions.

2. They will invariably be furnished with salutary counsel.

3. Those churches which have no ministers, may be occasionally supplied with the word of life.

4. The churches will be more closely united in promoting the cause and interest of Christ.

Art. 5. A sound and Evangelical Ministry will be encouraged, whilst that which is defective will be discoun tenanced.

Art. 6. Any member aggrieved through partiality, or from any other cause may be reconciled.

Art. 7. Wherein a large party may withdraw from

any church by means of any obtruding Ministry, or otherwise, the aggrieved may seek redress.

Art. 8. Churches having candidates for the Ministry, may have them properly examined upon their qualifications

These and numerous other advantages arising from such an union of Churches, must induce every Godly Chnrch to desire a conjunction with such a body.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

Lennon, Haynes	Orton,	Columbus	Co.	N. C.
Ray, David J.	Whiteville,	"	"	"
Stocks, A. G.		"	"	"

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Haynes Lennon, Tr. in acc't. with Columbus Asso.
Dec. 26, 1888 To am't received of committee of Finance, $ 9, 13.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

	Males	Females	Total.
New Hope,	62	77	139
Seven Creeks,	54	80	134
Union Grove,	13	24	37
Union Valley,	23	29	52
Whiteville,			70
			432

MINUTES

—OF THE—

SECOND AND THIRD SESSIONS

—OF THE—

COLUMBUS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCHES AT

WHITEVILLE AND NEW HOPE,

COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

NOVEMBER 22, 33, 29, 1889, AND NOVEMBER 21, 22 23, 1890.

Fourth session will be held with the Church at Seven Creeks, comnencing on Friday before 1st Sunday in November, 1891.

LUMBERTON, N. C.:
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MINUTES

—OF THE—

SECOND SESSION

—OF THE—

COLUMBUS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

WHITEVILLE, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.,

NOVEMBER 22. 23, 24, 1889.

REV. B. H. PHILLIPS, MODERATOR.
ELD. HAYNES LENNON, CLERK.

Third session will be held with the Church at New Hope, comnencing on Friday, November 21, 1890.

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1891.

Ordained Ministers and Post-Offices.

LENNON, HAYNES, - -	Orton,
RAY, D. J., - - - -	Whiteville.
STOCKS, O. G., - - -	Bug Hill.

PROCEEDINGS.

WHITEVILLE, N. C., Nov. 22nd 1889.

Introductory sermon was delivered from Acts xiv, 22: "Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter the Kingdom of God."

After the lapse of ten minutes Dr. G. H. Macon occupied the chair as temporary chairman, Elder B. H. Phillips invoking the Divine direction. Elder Haynes Lennon acted as secretary.

The chair appointed brethren A. F. Toon and John B. Singletary a Committee of Finance.

On motion, called for and read the letters, enrolling names of messengers from the following churches:

NEW HOPE—Edward White. H. S. White, J. B. Singletary.

SEVEN CREEKS.—S. T. Stephens, S. H. Faulk, N. M. Ward.

UNION GROVE. —D. J. Hinson, Kenneth Sellers, A. M. Hinson.

WHITEVILLE.—Eld. Haynes Lennon, Thomas Thompson, A. F. Toon.

Then elected permanent officers: Eld. B. H. Phillips, Moderator; Eld. Haynes Lennon, Clerk and Treasurer.

Visiting brethren Thomas Barefoot, Dr. J. F. Harrell, J. W. Gore, and George Flynn, from Cape Fear Association were cordially invited to seats in the body.

Dr. G. H. Macon, and A. F. Toon, were appointed a committee on order of business.

Took a recess of one hour.

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2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Resumed business—Eld. D. J. Ray, leading in prayer.

Committee on order of business reported—Report made the order of the day.

1. Home Missions.—D. J. Ray.
2. Temperance.—G. H. Macon, not reported.
3. Foreign Missions.—By Resolution.
4. Periodicals.—J. L. Memory.
5. Pastoral Support.—T. S. Memory.
6. State Missions.—Haynes Lennon.
7. Ministerial Education.—R. H Powell.
8. Sunday Schools.—J. F. Harrell.
9. Orphanage.—B. H. Phillips.
10. Miscellany.—

The churches at Seven Creeks, Union Grove, and Union Valley asked for letters dismissal which were ordered, limited to twelve months.

The Deacons of this church were requested to arrange the order of Divine service during this session of the Association.

Agreed to hold the next session of this body with the church at New Hope, commenceing Friday, November 22, 1890, at 11 o'clock, a. m. Elder B. H. Phillips, to preach the introductory sermon; Elder D. J. Ray, alternate.

Appointed to sister associations, viz: Robeson Association. Elder Haynes Lennon: South Atlantic, Elder D. J. Ray; Cape Fear, John B. Singletary; Waccamaw, T. S. Memory.

Adjourned to 7:30 o'clock this evening.

7:30 o'clock p. m.

Moderator in the chair. Sang "I love thy Kingdom Lord." Prayer by Elder Haynes Lennon.

Brother T. S. Memory's report on Pastoral Support was read and discussed by brethren Memory, Lennon and Phillips—Report adopted.

Adjourned to 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday, Moreing Nov. 23rd, 1889.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Elder B. H. Phillips, in the chair. Sang, "Am I a soldier of the Cross?"

Prayer by Elder D. J. Ray,

Elder J. A. Speight, was invited to a seat.

Report on State Missions was read by Eld. H. Lennon, and

after remarks by writer and Eld. Speight, was adopted. See Appendix.

Report on Home Missions was read, and after some remarks by Elders Ray and Speight was adopted. On motion Elder Speight offered special prayer for that particular department of Christian labor.

Called off one hour. Eld. D. J. Ray, invoked divine blessings on the work of our hands.

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3 o'clock, P. M.

Sang "Children of the heavenly King."

Elder Speight led in prayer.

Moderator called for Sunday-school report and on motion was made the order for Sunday morning's consideration in mass-meeting.

Report on Periodicals was read and footed up by urgent remarks from brethren Lennon, Memory and Speight with subscriptions for "Biblical Recorder," "Charity and Children."

Report for Foreign Missions not being ready, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved. That the subject of Foreign Missions demand our undivided support and that our pastors lay the same before their several churches at an early day and solicit funds for the annual session of Southern Baptist Convention in May 1890.

Adjourned to 7 o'clock to-night. Prayer by brother Lennon.

Saturday Night, 7 o'clock Nov. 23rd, 1889.

Moderator in the chair.

Sang "The Lord is my defense," etc.

Prayer by the pastor.

Elder B. H. Phillips read report on Orphanage, and after remarks by himself and Elder Speight a collection of $6.14 was taken up and the report adopted. The money was forthwith forwarded.

Report on Ministerial Education by brother R. H. Powell,

was read, and after being discussed by brethren Phillips and Speight was adopted.

Adjourned to 9 : 30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Benediction by Elder J. A. Speight.

Sunday Morning 9 : 30 o'clock Nov. 24th, 1889.

Elder Phillips in the chair. Sang "All hail the power of Jesus' name."

Prayer by Elder Lennon.

Sunday-school report was on motion, taken up received and ably discussed by Elder Speight and then adopted.

On motion all unfinished business was referred to an executive committee of brethren B. H. Phillips, Haynes Lennon, T. S. Memory, Thomas Thompson and E. H. White.

On motion a collection was taken up for Rev. C. L. Powell, amounting to $10.50 which was forwarded to brother I. M. Powell, at Fair Bluff. N. C.

A vote of thanks was then given the church in Whiteville, and entire community for the very hospitable entertainment given the messengers and congregation in attendance at the Association.

The session then gave way for Divine service and Elder J. A. Speight addressed a full house from Joshua, sixth chapter, on besieging Jericho, entertaining the audience in a highly satisfactory manner.

Thus closed the second session of Columbus Association.

B. H. PHILLIPS, Moderator.

Haynes Lennon, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptised,	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Number of Males,	Number of Females.	Total Membership.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions, &c.	Pastor's Salary.
Seven Creeks,	2	..	5	1	13	2	47	76	123	$ 30	$	..	$	$ 11 35
Union Grove,	..	..	1	..	..	..	12	23	35	.....	.....	..	2 40	22 49
New Hope,	5	1	3	6	1	2	58	78	131	1 60	.....	..	.....	150 00
Union Valley,	9	2	1	1	2	1	36	29	59	.....	.....	..	.....	21 63
Whiteville,	..	1	..	8	..	..	32	26	58	2 50	6 50	..	.....	125 00
.....	16	4	10	11	16	5	179	227	406	$ 4 40	$ 6 50	..	$ 2 40	$ 230 47

HOME MISSIONS.

This is one of the departments of Missions under the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention and embraces desolate and isolated places in the Southern States with Mexico, Cuba and Brazil, in South America. In these several departments of labor a great and effectual door is now opened and the Great Head of the church is preparing them to march in union with the nations of the earth to realize the glory of God in taking the heathen for His inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession.

Submitted,

D. J. RAY.

PERIODICALS.

The "Biblical Recorder" is the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina. It is sound in doctrine, progressive in spirit, and elevating in tone. No Baptist man or woman can hope to be useful and effecient, who does not read his or her church paper. We urge all our people to subscribe for and read the "Biblical Recorder."

Submitted,

J. L. MEMORY.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

There is nothing more plainly taught in the Word of God, than that the minister should be supported financially while he gives his time to the preaching of the gospel. "The servant is worthy of his hire," and such like passages of Scripture plainly teach this truth. Are the churches of this Association coming up to their full measure of duty on this subject? And if not, why not? We respectfully suggest that we make an effort to do better along this line. And to this end we suggest that the pastors preach on the subject as they would on any other Chritian duty.

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. MEMORY.

STATE MISSIONS.

This subject constitutes the local department of Bible Missions within the territory of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and is now more actively operated than at any period in the history of this State. Every possible development of Bible truth is now made to bear upon the human mind to bring it to Christ. God is the first great mover in this heavenly work to take out of this local field a people for himself as set forth in Acts, chapter xv.

Respectfully submitted,

HAYNES LENNON.

EDUCATION.

Education is power. How important then that the young and rising generation be properly educated. We are glad that so many opportunities are afforded the people for education. As Baptists we have Wake Forest College and many first class academies for our boys, and Oxford, High Point, Thomasville and others for our girls. But we call special attention to the need of a better educated ministry that the churches may have men mentally as well as spiritually qualified to lead them to greater and nobler things for God.

Wake Forest College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., offer opportunities for the education of young men called to preach. And we recommend that the churches of this Association take up regular collections for the Board of Education.

Respectfully Submitted,

B. H. PHILLIPS,
for Committee.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

In this wonderfully progressive age Sunday-schools assert their claims to a national work in training the rising generation for glory and for God. With the Bible for our text-book —its crucified Saviour for our Redeemer—its holy truths for our directory, we are armed for efficiently conducting this mighty auxiliary of the Christian religion in the suppression of evil amonsgt our children as well as training them in the way they should go.

We rejoice to know that the first effort in Sunday-school work in this region of our State was made by Deacon George Lennon, of Cross Roads church, in this county, about the year 1800, since which time it has engaged the attention of all America and Europe, and can with truth be said to be a prolific factor in filling the world with light and knowledge to the overthrow of the works of his satanic majesty.

Submitted,

J. F. HARRELL.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Five years ago the Baptists of North Carolina thought the time had come for them to organize some agency for the caring for the orphans of the State. Some good brethren thought the time had not come for such a movement. But time has proven the wisdom of this step. And to-day the Baptist Orphange is a grand agency for good. About 120 orphans ap-

peal to us for the means to feed, clothe and educate them. And your committee suggest that the churches of this Association take regular collections for their support. And further, that the matter be thoroughly canvassed in the Sunday-schools, and enlist the sympathies and efforts of the children.

Respectfully submitted,

B. H. Phillips.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

THIRD SESSION

—OF THE—

COLUMBUS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

NEW HOPE, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.,

NOVEMBER 21, 22. 23, 1890.

A. F. POWELL, MODERATOR.
HAYNES LENNON, CLERK.

Fourth session will be held with the Church at Seven Creeks, comnencing on Friday before 1st Sunday in November, 1891.

LUMBERTON, N. C.:
ROBESONIAN PUBLISHING HOUSE PRINT,
1891.

PROCEEDINGS.

New Hope, N. C., Nov. 21, 1890.

Introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. D. J. Ray, founded on II. Corinthians, vi: 1. "We then as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain."

After thirty minutes intermission the delegates assembled in the house, read John xvii, and Elder Ray invoked the Divine direction.

On motion, brethren A. F. Toon, H. L. White and Ed. Ward were announced as a Committee of Finance. Brother A. F. Powell aiding former secretary in reading letters from the churches.

New Hope.—H. L. White, Ed. White and J. Evans.

Seven Creeks.—N. J. Stephens, J. O. Storks, T. J. Stanly.

Union Grove.—Not represented.

Whiteville.—A. F. Toon, A. F. Powell, Thomas Thompson.

Then proceeded to the election of permanent officers, viz: A. F. Powell, Moderator; Haynes Lennon, Clerk and Treasurer.

Inviting Elders G. W. Hill and J. W. Gore from Cape Fear Association, and brethren James Jolly and W. S. Frink from South Atlantic Association to seats with us.

Announced as Committe of arrangements, A. F. Powell and Haynes Lennon.

Raised committees on the following subjects:

1. Home Missions.—G. H. Hill.
2. Temperance.—Thomas Thompson.
3. Foreign Missions.—W. J. Dyson.
4. Periodicals.—W. S. Frink.
5. Pastoral Support.—A. F. Toon.
6. State Missions.—D. J. Ray.
7. Ministerial Education.—T. S. Memory.
8. Sunday Schools.—H. L. White.
9. Orphanage.—Haynes Lennon.

On motion, corresponding messengers were called for.

Agreed that brother A. J. Orr be appointed to visit the South Atlantic, and brethren A. F. Toon and M. J. Thompson the Waccamaw Association. To Cape Fear, J. O. Storks, B. White and D. J. Ray; to Robeson Association, H. Lennon, D. H. Thompson and Thomas Thompson.

10. Committee to Supply Stand—Deacons of this church and T. Thompson.

11. Committees on Duty of Pastors to the Churches.

12. Committees on Duty of Churches to their Pastors

13. Committee on Asso Missions—T. S. Memory, A. F. Toon and Ed. White.

Committee No. 10 reported and discharged.

The location and time of holding our session in 1891, on motion was referred to brethren, E. White, A. F. Toon and M. J. Stephens, who shall report to-morrow morning 11 o'clock.

Adjourned to 9;30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Elder Ray.

SATURDAY MORNING 9:30 A. M. NOV. 22nd, 1890.

Moderator in the chair. Prayer by the Clerk.

Renewed invitation to visiting brethren and the ministry.

On motion, brethren A. F. Powell, H. Lennon, J. I. Williamson, T. S. Memory and Thomas Thompson be, and are hereby appointed an Executive Committee of Columbus County Association, N. C., any three of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of Associational business for twelve months from date of appointment, to whom shall be referred the division and execution of all mission and church work contemplated in this organization of churches for the current year.

Called off for 30 minutes. Prayer by Clerk.

Business resumed 1:30 o'clock p. m. Prayer by G. W. Gore. Sundry reports called for and read in the order as numbered, viz; 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, discussed and adopted. The Committee on location of next session of this body recom-

mend that it be held with the church at Seven Creeks, on Friday October 30, 1891. Elder Haynes Lennon, preach the introductory sermon at 11 o'clock.

Invited brother C. C. Gore, from Cape Fear Association, to a seat with us.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this body for the sessions of 1889 and 1890 be prepared for publication and that they be distributed among the churches according to their membership.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee proportion among the several churches of this body the amount of funds necessary to defray expenses for printing and distributing minutes.

Committee of Finance reported. Report received and amount of funds paid to Treasurer.

On motion, voted the thanks of this body to the Clerk for finishing the payment of printing the minutes of the session of 1888.

Voted the thanks of this Association to this church and community for the very hospitable entertainment furnished the messengers and representatives thereof.

On motion, referred all unfinished business to Executive Committee.

Adjourned to Sunday morning 9 : 30 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder H. Lennon.

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9 : 30 o'clock Sunday Morning Nov. 23rd, 1890.

Sabbath-school held an interesting session.

PULPIT SERVICE 11 o'CLOCK.

Elder Haynes Lennon delivered a discourse founded on Luke xxiv, 46, 47. "And said unto them, thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day.

"And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

A collection of $7.81 was taken up.

Thus closed a harmomious and profitable session and the body was adjourned to time and place above specified.

A. F. POWELL, Moderator.

HAYNES LENNON, Clerk.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION.

Dec.	1888.	Received of Fin. Com., printing minutes,		$ 6 65	
		" " Collection in session, etc ,...		2 48	
		Paid by Clerk,.....		2 87	
By am't paid printing minutes, as per receipt,.....					$ 12 00
			$12 00		$ 12 00
Nov. 28.	1889.	Rec'd of Fin. Com., for Minute Fund.....		4 40	
		" " " " State Missions....		6 50	
		" " " " Foreign Missions,		2 40	
"	1890.	" " " " Minute Fund,....		6 00	
		" Congregation, Sabbath Collection,		7 81	
		" Whiteville Church for Min. Ed..		2 81	
July,	1891.	" Ex Committee for Minutes,.....		7 89	
		" By State Missions, Foreign Missions and Ministerial Education, orwarded to Treasurer Baptist State Convention,..			$ 11 71
		Balance in hand to print minutes,.....			26 10

HAYNES LENNON, Treasurer.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention embraces in its work the ten Southern States together with Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Missouri, Cuba and Indian Territory, located at Atlanta, Ga.

In 1888 the member of Missionaries reported in the employ of the Board were 287, of which twenty-two colored in Arkansas, thirty-seven in Florida, 125 in Texas, and one Cuba, and also a number in other States, 4,857 baptisms were reported, 306 churches were constituted, the value of the houses of worship built was $54,068, cash received from May 1, 1887, to May 1, 1888, was $48,023.07, cash expenditures $45,768.-32.

The mantle of the great apostle of the gentiles seems to have fallen on bro. A. J. Diaz of Cuba.

He is laboring with a zeal worthy of a great and good cause among the Catholic population of Cuba; although he has been

imprisoned through the opposition of the priesthood during the present year he still labors on fearlessly. Public sentiment is in his favor and at his bidding would have taken him by force out of the hands of the authorities, but he would not permit the violation of the law although he was innocent of any crime against law and justice. Since his release he still continues his labors.

This department of Christian labor demands our especial spmpathies, prayers and contributions until the man of sin shall be driven from his impious throne and a pure gospel shall take the place of error and false doctrine and the kingdom of this world become the kingdom of our blessed Lord and Saviour.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Hill.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee would respectfully say, that the subject of Temperance has been so often discussed that we do not expect to present anything new upon the matter; but would suggest that, notwithstanding its familiarity, it should continue to be canvassed until its principles are established and its beneficent influence shall prevail throughout the land.

The dreadful evils of Intemperance are clearly seen by every unprejudiced mind, and it is also unmistakably apparent that the welfare and prosperity of the churches, the country at large, with all that is near and dear to us is at stake. Let us then as lovers of our race and mankind at large arouse our energies with all our might and crush out this monster evil. We are happy to say "the time is auspicious," the prospects are brightening, and let there be a movement all along the line and the victory is ours. If professed followers of Christ are faithful in their duties and will manfully meet their responsibilities, a great work may be accomplished before the close of another year. Let us then move on in solid phalanx until success shall crown our efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Thompson.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This evangelistic work has claimed the attention of every nation since the ascension of the Son of God. And while most nations, in the main, have labored to forget God, yet God has not forgotten them, but in His merciful dispensations demonstrates His long suffering towards them "that he may take out of them a people for himself." Of these redeemed people He chooses those whose gifts qualify them for the proper ministration of His word so as to make it the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, and commandeth them to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Now if we have been called from darkness to light, it is made our imperative duty to let that light so shine that the nations may see the good works of Christ Jesus wrought in us that they may thereby be led to the Son of God.

Submitted,
W. J. Dyson, Com.

PERIODICALS.

We believe the circulation of a sound religious periodical to be the most powerful agency ever devised for the accomplishment of all the great works of the church. The "Biblical Recorder" is such a paper and upon its success depends, in a great measure, the success of every one of our State and denominational enterprises. If we are correct in this, or even in part, then it is true that no other paper can take the place of the "Recorder" to North Carolina Baptists.

"Kind Words" and "Foreign Mission Journal" we would also recommend.

W. S. Frink.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The faithful minister of the Gospel is as much entitled to his support as the laborer is to his hire. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they who preach the gospel shall live of

the gospel." The apostle further appends, "That if we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?" It is the duty of the church to contribute to their pastor a decent support according to their ability. To pray for him, and be a co-worker with him in his allotted work, as well as give all possible encouragement in his field of labor, and thus aid him in bearing his burdens.

Submitted,

A. F. Toon, Com.

STATE MISSIONS.

This is a work in which the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has been engaged regularly for sixty years under a system of evangelical prosecution, and has attained a growth annually of such magnitude as to astonish those engaged in it. while there is yet room for an increased interest in our bounds, and the practical application of the means in sending the Gospel in every nook and corner of our beloved State, to the conversion to Christ of our entire population.

Respectfully,

D. J. Ray.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Great Teacher sent from God uttered the following language: "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." We have epitomized in this declaration the work of the ministry, their qualification and fitness for preaching the gospel, and unless such truth is clothed with a correct presentation of facts the hearers must eternally die for the want of divine knowledge.

Respectfully,

T. S. Memory.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Dear Brethren:—

We are taught in the word of truth that we should bring our children up in the way that they should go, and to do

this, we should implant in their hearts while young and tender, the truths of the Gospel; and as we are accountable beings to God for our stewardship here below, for both our own conduct and in the way we train our children and those under our care, I do earnestly recommend that each church in this Association awake to a sense of its duty in this direction, and strive with the whole soul, mind and strength to keep an evergreen Sunday-school in progress.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. White, Com.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

No enterprise of beneficence undertaken by the Baptists of North Carolina has met with less opposition, nor yet with a more hearty approval than the caring for orphan children of our beloved State. The sympathies of our people draw forth the means necessary to sustain the work, and the prudent management of the directors guarantee its success. Other denominations are taking hold of this work with an energy that knows no failure, and under a smiling Providence with the blessing of our Heavenly Father will work for national as well as individual good.

Submitted,

Haynes Lennon.

DUTY OF CHURCHES TO PASTORS.

Your committee begs to suggest:

1. That they show profound reverence for their Divine calling.

2. That they manifest affectionate kindness and brotherly love.

3. Cause them to feel that we are at all times ready and willing to hold up their hands in every good word and work, so that they be not hindered in their work of lifting up fallen man.

4. That they through their Deacons see in advance that their temporal needs are fully provided for.

5. They should show a disposition to urge their frequent presence at their homes, their firesides and their tables.

6. That their pastors "shun not to declare the whole counsel of God," so as "to clear their skirts of the blood of all men."

Fraternally submitted,

T. S. Memory, A. F. Powell, } Com.

DUTY OF PASTORS TO THE CHURCHES.

1. Preach the word—the pure unadulterated word of God.

2. Oppose error in all its diversified forms with the spirit and love of Christ.

3. "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.—Pet. v: 2, 3.

4. He should give his whole attention to the people of his charge, and In proportion as he is sustained he should devote himself to the work, and "show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Thompson, A. F. Toon, } Com.

ASSOCIATION MISSIONS.

From the general neglect of mission work in our bounds for several years by the Missionary Baptists it becomes indispensably necessary that some step be taken to occupy the field. We recommend that one or more ministers be employed to itinerate in the interest of general mission work during the ensuing year and that this body sustain the work.

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. Memory, A. F Toon, E. White, } Com.

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T. J. COBB,	Chadbourn, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

SEVEN CREEKS, N. C.,
Oct. 30, 1891.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. D. J. Ray from Ps. 133—1: "Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity."

After recess of 30 minutes the congregation assembled in the church and Bro. A. F. Powell, Moderator, read a part of the 45th Psalm; singing by the choir and prayer by Bro. D. McNeill.

On motion, Brethren C. McCormick, H. L. White and S. J. Batten were appointed a Committee on Finance. The Association then proceeded to election of officers for the present session which resulted as follows: Moderator, Bro. A. F. Powell; Clerk, Bro. E. Nealy, *pro tem.*

List of Churches called and delegates enrolled as follows:

New Hope—H. L. White, E. Nealy and Thomas B. Inman.

Seven Creeks—M. J. Stephens, J. F. Long and N. M. Ward.

Union Grove—Not represented.

Whiteville—Thos. Thompson, A. F. Toon and A. F. Powell.

An opportunity was then extended to churches wishing to join the Association which resulted in the reception of the following churches, and delegates were enrolled:

China Grove—J. G. Jackson, W. E. Hinson and Chas. McCormick.

New Light—Chester Batten and S. J. Batten.

Chadbourn—A. McKinnon, J. T. Phipps and J. A. Kelly.

On motion, an invitation was extended to visiting brethren to participate in our deliberations.

The following were present and made welcome to seats : Rev. C. Durham, D. D., representing the State Mission Board, Rev. E. J. Edwards representing the *N. C. Baptist*, Bro. D. McNeill representing the *Biblical Recorder*, Rev. J. A. Smith representing the Baptist Orphanage and *Charity and Children*.

On motion, choir committee to supply the stand consisting of the Deacons of Seven Creeks church and Bro. T. A. Gore.

On motion, Moderator appointed committees on the following subjects :

1. State Missions—Rev. C. Durham, D. D.
2. Ministerial Education—Rev. J. A. Smith.
3. Foreign Missions—Rev. T. J. Cobb.
4. Periodicals—Bro. D. McNeill.
5. Pastoral Support—Bro. T. S. Memory.
6. Temperance—Bro. A. McKinnon.
7. Sunday - Schools—Rev. D. J. Ray.
8. Orphanage—Bro. Thomas Thompson.
9. Special Changes—Brethren J. G. Jackson and N. M. Ward.
10. Duty of Pastors to Churches—Bro. H. L. White.
11. Duty of Churches to Pastors—Rev. E. J. Edwards.

The Committee to supply the stand reported which report was amended by dispensing with preaching tonight. Committee discharged.

Bro. D. McNeill reported on Periodicals. Report received after being fully discussed and Committee discharged.

Rev. E. J. Edwards reported on Duty of Churches to Pastors. Report received and Committee discharged.

Bro. T. S. Memory reported on Pastoral Support which was freely discussed. Among others Dr. Durham made a very forcible speech on the subject. Report was received and Committee discharged.

A paper on "The Sabbath" by Rev. Hanes Lennon was read by Rev. J. A. Smith and, on motion, was or-

dered to be printed with the minutes.

Bro. A. McKinnon reported on Temperance. Report received and Committee discharged.

On motion, adjourned to 9:30 a. m. to-morrow.

Benediction by Dr. Durham.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Saturday, 9:30 A. M.

Moderator in the chair. Proceedings opened by reading Isa. 55th chapter, by Dr. Durham and prayer by Rev. E. J. Edwards.

Reports of Committees called for.

Rev. J. A. Smith reported on Ministerial Education which was discussed by Bro. Smith and others, and was adopted and Committee discharged.

On motion, the election of permanent Clerk and Treasurer was taken up. Bro. A. McKinnon was duly elected to fill the office.

Rev. Dr. Durham reported on State Missions and made the speech of the occasion on his report and clearly showed the importance of this great work. Report received and committee discharged.

Rev. T. J. Cobb reported on Foreign Missions. Report received and Committee discharged.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. A. McKinnon and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Article 1 of the Constitution of our Association be amended by inserting after the word "Union" "Also all ordained ministers whose membership is in churches belonging to this Association, and pastors of churches of this Association shall be members *ex-officio* of this body."

On motion, it was decided to hold the next session of this Association with the Church at Chadbourn, commencing on Friday before the 1st Sunday in November, 1892.

Adjourned 30 minutes.

SECOND DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bro. Thomas Thompson reported on Orphanage. Report received and Committee discharged.

On motion, report of Executive Committee was called for and read. Report approved and Committee discharged.

On motion, Rev. D. J. Ray, the Missionary of the Association, made his report of work done during the year.

Brethren J. G. Jackson and N. M. Ward reported on Special Changes. Report received and Committee discharged.

The Chair announced that Rev. J. A. Smith would preach the introductory sermon at the next session of this Association.

The Finance Committee reported. Report received and Committee discharged.

The following resolution was introduced by Bro. T. S. Memory and adopted:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to employ a Missionary for this Association for the ensuing year as they may think best.

On motion, the Finance Committee was ordered to pay over all funds in their hands to the present Treasurer.

On motion, it was ordered that the Clerk and Treasurer have as many minutes published as the funds on hand will justify.

On motion, it was ordered that a collection be taken up to-morrow for New Light church.

On motion, the Chair appointed the following brethren as Executive Committee for the ensuing year: A. F. Powell, Chairman; Haynes Lennon, D. J. Ray, Thomas Thompson. R. H. Powell, and A. McKinnon, Clerk.

Bro. H. L. White reported on Duty of Pastors to Churches. Report received and Committee discharged.

On motion, the Treasurer was ordered to pay Rev. D. J. Ray $15.00 for Missionary work during the past year.

The following brethren were elected delegates to the

Baptist State Convention: A. F. Powell, D. J. Ray, A. F. Joyner, T. J. Cobb, J. G. Jackson and N. M. Ward.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: J. L. Memory. A. F. Powell, alternate.

The Association being called on for pledges for the Baptist Orphanage and State Missions to be paid by next meeting, the roll of churches was called and pledged as follows:

	Orphanage.	State Missions
Chadbourn,	$ 5 00	$ 5 00
China Grove,	2 00	5 00
New Hope,	2 00	2 00
New Light,	2 00	1 00
Seven Creeks,	——	5 00
Whiteville,	5 00	20 00
Total	$16 00	$38 00

The above subscription for State Missions was increased to Fifty Dollars by individual pledges as follows: A. F. Powell, $1.00; A. McKinnon, $1.00; T. B. Inman, $1.00; T. J. Mintz, $1.00; T. A. Gore, $1.00; J. A. Kelly, $1.00; Thos. Thompson, $1.00; Henry Thompson, $1.00; W. J. Dyson, $1.00; A. F. Toon, $1.00; J. G. Jackson, $1.00; Chas. McCormick. $1.00.

The following brethren were appointed a Centennial Committee on Missions: A. McKinnon, R. H. Powell and Haynes Lennon.

On motion, thanks of the Association were unanimously tendered to the members of Seven Creeks church and the people generally for their kindness during our stay in their midst.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Church at Chadbourn on Friday before the 1st Sunday in November 1892. Singing hymn No. 788.

Prayer by Rev. T. J. Cobb.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

Congregation assembled at the stand at 11 o'clock, a. m. Rev. D. J. Ray read 3rd chapter of Acts. Singing hymn No. 886. Prayer by Bro. Ray. Then followed an excellent sermon by Bro. Ray from Matt. 24–14: "And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

A collection was then taken up for New Light church amounting to $2.50.

Thus closed a very pleasant and harmonious session of the Columbus Association.

A. F. POWELL, MODERATOR.

A. MCKINNON, CLERK.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter	Excluded.	Died	No. of Males	No. of Females	Total Membership	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions.	Pastor's Salary.
Chadbourn,	7	7	..	3	..	..	13	9	22	$ 1 00	....	.....	$ 1 22	$ 125 00
China Grove	..	..	..	5	..	1	32	35	67	40	....	.....	.....	25 00
New Hope,	..	9	..	3	5	2	68	88	156	2 50	....	.....	.....	75 00
New Light	8	10	..	..	..	..	6	12	18	1 00	....	.....	.....	.....
Seven Creeks,	..	1	2	9	15	2	32	65	97	1 60	....	30	.....	.....
Union Valley	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
Whiteville,	4	14	1	5	1	2	36	35	71	1 25	....	6 68	6 50	250 00
	19	51	3	25	21	7	187	244	431	$ 7 55		$ 6 98	$ 7 72	$ 475 00

REPORTS.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee has endeavored to execute the Association's commands in its general work and also its special instructions in raising funds to print the minutes and secure a Colporteur, Rev. D. J. Ray, who has prepared and will present to the Association a report of his work.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. POWELL,
D. J. RAY,
T. S. MEMORY.

COLPORTEUR'S REPORT.

I entered upon the work assigned me as soon after as possible. I traveled ten days, preached two sermons, organized one church. The Lord has blessed the work of our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. RAY.

STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions is that department of our work in which all the Associations are united in practical efforts to give the gospel to the destitute sections of the State. For more than one hundred years our people have been engaged in this work, and there are now hundreds of Baptist churches in the towns and country places which stand as a proof of the wisdom and energy of this work. This year the Board has had one hundred and twenty missionaries at work in this State. Let us all aid with this great and successful work in these neglected sections. In this Association Rev. T. J. Cobb has preached at Chadbourne and as a result of his work and that of the brethren there a new church is added to this Association. Rev. D. J. Ray has preached at New Light and there a new church has been organized and added to this Association during this session. A good house of worship has been built at Chadbourne and at New Light the brethren are arranging to

build a house of worship. Let us occupy all the destitute sections in the bounds of this Association as rapidly as possible. Respectfully submitted,

C. DURHAM.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

When our Lord was upon the earth he said to his disciples: "The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest for the harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few." In this 19th century the fields are white unto the harvest and but few reapers appear. It is the duty of God's people to pray earnestly for an increase of faithful and consecrated laborers. It is the duty also of God's people to contribute liberally of their substance for the education of a consecrated gospel ministry. God is pleased for the most part to call poor young men to preach the gospel and after their call prepare them for their work. The Lord did this when he was upon the earth. He first called the ministers and then prepared them for the great work to which He had called them. It is the duty of the Lord's people to imitate the heavenly example. We have now at Wake Forest about 59 young men whose tuition is given them. Many of these are not able to pay their board and therefore must receive assistance if they continue to prosecute their studies. It is hoped that this Association will aid in this important work. Brethren for Christ's sake let us help the young men who already desire to preach the gospel and let us pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out more laborers into his vineyard. Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SMITH.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The light of the glorious gospel now encircles the globe, one by one the strong outposts of Satan are being surrendered and the banner of truth moves on to everlasting victory. We are living in one of the most inspiring periods in the history of the church, when God's people should seize every opportunity to conquer the world for Christ. The command is—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." God has promised His Son

that the heathen shall be given to Him as an inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth as a possession. This promise is being fulfilled, and to-day God's work is going on from conquest to conquest and from victory to victory until the knowledge of God shall cover the whole earth, even as the waters cover the face of the great deep. Christ and his apostles engaged in this grand work. Let us imitate their noble example and send the gospel to all nations. The Macedonian cry—"Come over and help us" is wafted on every breeze and is well calculated to awaken the most enlarged feeling of benevolence. Let us do our duty in sending the gospel to the heathen.

Respectfully submitted, T. J. Cobb.

PERIODICALS.

Your committee would, with a few slight changes, adopt the report of last year. We believe the circulation of a sound religious periodical to be the most powerful agency ever devised for the accomplishment of all the great works of the churches. The Biblical Recorder is such a paper, and upon its success depends, in a great measure, the success of every one of our state and denominational enterprises. If we are correct in this, or even in part, then it is true that no other paper can take the place of the Recorder. To North Carolina Baptists, we also recommend Kind Words, Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field.

Respectfully submitted, D. McNeill.

PASTOR'S SALARY.

I consider and believe it is the duty of each member of a church to contribute to the support of his or her pastor as far as their circumstances will admit. Without this the church will suffer for an acceptable pastor and by all means, what you give, give willingly as the Lord loveth a cheerful giver. Respectfully submitted,

T. S. Memory.

TEMPERANCE.

Your committee would respectfully say in the words of your committee of last year "that the subject of temperance has been so often discussed that we do not expect to

present anything new." We are proud to note, however, that since our body last met our county has been swept of the barroom and its consequent evils, yet the dreaded brandy distilleries and wine-presses are found dotted all over our county and country The dreadful evils of this great curse are apparent to every thinking individual. So many methods have been tried to rid our fair land of this curse it is plain and conclusive that it is only by the united efforts of the people of God that this end can ever be attained. Your committee would advise that our churches be more strict in the matter of excluding their dram-drinking members and make a great stride in the direction of keeping the churches pure and possibly retard this awful traffic.

Respectfully submitted,

A. McKinnon.

ORPHANAGE.

In the word of God it is declared: "That pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this—to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep unspotted from the world." The care of the orphan children of our State is a compliance with the teachings of the Apostle James. The Thomasville Orphanage should be near the heart of every Baptist in North Carolina. It is the property of the denomination and makes a powerful appeal to their support. God has given us the duty and privilege of doing this work for his glory and the good of humanity and we should esteem it indeed a glorious privilege to extend our aid and sympathy to the children of our deceased brethren. God has blessed our people in the establishment of the orphanage and His blessing has been upon those who have given to this cause. A cold winter is now fast approaching and these orphan children must be fed and clothed. This must be done by the Baptists of North Carolina. Let us give as God has prospered us. Let our people remember that "Charity and Children" is given to any one who gives a dollar to the Orphanage. We suggest that some sister or zealous worker be appointed by each church to look after the interests of the Orphanage and that their post office address be sent to the orphanage either in the minutes of this Association or by correspondence.

Respectfully submitted,

Thos. Thompson.

SPECIAL CHANGES.

We find that death has taken from the different churches five members. They have been taken from time to eternity where the redeemed of the Lord have a resting place. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. We greatly mourn the loss of these departed ones but if we believe that Jesus died and rose again even so they also who sleep in Jesus will God raise up.

Respectfully submitted, N. M. WARD,
J. G. JACKSON.

DUTY OF PASTORS TO CHURCHES.

Your committee would say as follows: 1st; Preach the word, the pure unadulterated word, of God, 2nd; Oppose error in all its diversified forms, with the Spirit, and love of Christ. to feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint but willingly, not for filthy lucre but of a ready mind. Neither as being Lords over God's heritage but, being exsamples to the flock. Respectfully submitted, H. L. WHITE.

DUTY OF CHURCHES TO PASTORS.

Your committee begs leave to say: 1st, That the brethren reverence and love their pastors. 2nd, That they manifest kindness and brotherly love toward them. 3rd. That all their temporal wants be supplied that their hands be loose to do the work of a pastor.

Respectfully submitted, E. J. EDWARDS.

APPENDIX.

Ap

The following communication was sent to the Association, by Rev. Haynes Lennon, who was detained at home by the illness of his wife, who died but a few days afterward:

THE SABBATH.

1. The term Sabbath implies rest, a day of holy rest; a day appointed for religious duties, and a total cessation from manual labor, in commemoration of God's resting on the seventh day; and likewise in memorial of the redemption of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage.

2. The eternal God, though infinitely happy in the enjoyment of Himself, yet took a satisfaction in the work of his own hands. He did not rest, as one weary with fatigue, but as one well pleased with the instances of his own goodness, and the manifestations of His own glory.

3. God instituted this holy day for man—Mark 2:11, and required his attendance in the assembling with the congregation—Exodus 12:16, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you: no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you." This day is to be kept holy unto the Lord: Hence the fourth commandment is ushered in with a peculiar emphasis—"Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day." This institution is wise as to its ends: That God may be worshipped; man instructed; nations benefitted; and families devoted to the service of God. The abolition of it would be unreasonable and unscriptural. Exodus 31:13, "Verily my Sabbaths ye shall keep, for it is a sign between me and you, throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord, that doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore: for it is holy unto you. Every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people." "Ye shall my Sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary."—Lev. 19:30. Ye shall fear every man, his mother

and his father, and keep my Sabbaths: I am the Lord your God."—Lev. 19:3. "Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, an holy convocation: ye shall do no work therein: it is the Sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings."—Lev. 23:3. It would also in every way be disadvantageous to the body, to society, to the soul, and even to the beasts of burden. See how this law of our God is violated every Sabbath in our midst by unnecessary visiting, feasting, indolence, attending to secular business, worldly amusements, travelling, chopping wood, grinding coffee, cooking that which ought to be attended to on the previous day, as was done in the days of Israel in gathering manna. Just look around on this holy day and see whether the conduct of our people conveys the idea of a day of rest. Do not our hirelings, and our horses, and cattle seem to be almost as fully occupied on that day as on any other? And, as if this was a sufficient infringement of their rights, we contrive by needless entertainment at home, and useless journeys abroad, which are often by choice and inclination reserved for this very day to take up all the little remaining time of what they should enjoy. Nor is this the whole of the evil, the day seems to be considered by too many as set apart by Divine and human authority, for the purpose not of rest, but of its direct opposite, the labor of traveling, thus adding one day more of torment to those generous but wretched animals whose services they hire or borrow; and who, being generally strained beyond their strength the other six days of the week, have, of all creatures under heaven, the best and most equitable claim to suspension of labor on the seventh. These are evils greatly to be lamented; they are an insult to God; an injury to ourselves, and an awful example to our families, to our neighbors and to society. How are we to escape the wrath of that Holy Being, who sanctified this day of rest. and enjoined upon us to sanctify it in return to him by an entire cessation from ordinary work, (works of mercy and necessity excepted) by rememberance of creation, preservation, and redemption; by making it a day of spiritual meditation and prayer, in which we should cultivate communion with our Father in heaven; by rigidly making it a day of public worship; a day of joy; a day of praise; a Sabbath day's journey for the Kingdom of heaven; a day of glorious anticipation of that holy, happy, and eternal Sabbath rest that remains for the people of God!

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

H. Lennon, A. F. Powell, A. McKinnon,
A. H. Porter, T. J. Cobb.

PROCEEDINGS.

CHADBOURN CHURCH, COLUMBUS CO., N. C.
November 4th, 1892.

The Columbus Association met in its Fifth Annual Session with this church.

Services opened by Rev. W. W. Willis. Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. Smith, from Jude1:3, after which an intermission of one hour was given.

The congregation then assembled in the church and Bro. A. F. Powell, Moderator, called the Association to order by reading the Scripture and singing, prayer by Rev. E. J. Edwards. List of churches called; all present except New Light, which was reported as "dead."

On motion, Brethren T. S. Memory, C. M. McCormick, J. G. Jackson, were appointed a committee on Finance.

On motion, letters were called for, read and received, and the names of the delegates enrolled, as follows:

Seven Creeks—D. C. Canady, J. E. Reaves, N. M. Ward.

Whiteville—H. Lennon, H. Harrelson, R. T. Thompson.

Union Grove—J. B. Skipper, D. J. Hinson, K. Sellers.

China Grove—Charles McCormick, J. G. Jackson, Jordon Powers.

New Hope—T. S. Memory, E. C. White, Henry Thompson.

Chadbourn—Thos. Thompson, J. T. Phipps, Andrew Norris.

On motion, the following churches, having applied for membership, were admitted and delegates enrolled:

Smyrna—A. G. Stocks, J. C. Black, N. W. Fryer.

Cross Roads—Ira Lennon, Haynes Powers, M. Hester.

Mt. Tabor—J. Soles, F. G. Soles, Isaiah Hewett.

Piney Forest—L. I. Yates, Wm. McCleney, J. W. Powell.

Oak Dale—A. H. Porter, F. M. Lennon.

Macedonia—E. Williamson.

Pleasant Hill—J. M. White, J. J. Thompson, Thos. Bass.

Griffins—Yates Lennon, M. Shaw.

The Association then proceeded to re-organize, by electing A. McKinnon, Moderator; A. H. Porter, Clerk; Thomas Thompson, Treasurer.

On motion, the usual Committees were appointed, as follows:

1 State Missions—Rev. C. Durham, D.D.
2 Ministerial Education—Rev. W. W. Willis.
3 Foreign Missions—Rev. J. A. Smith.
4 Periodicals—A. F. Powell.
5 Pastoral Support—J. W. Powell.
6 Temperance—Rev. A. H. Porter.
7 Sunday Schools—Rev. J. A. Soles.
8 Orphanage—Rev. E. J. Edwards.
9 Special Changes—Thos. Thompson.
10 Duty of Pastors to Churches—Rev. G. W. Hill.
11 Duty of Churches to Pastors—Rev. J. I. Williamson.
12 Ministerial Relief Board—H. Lennon.

On motion, an invitation was extended to visiting brethren. The following were present and made welcome to seats: Rev. E. J. Edwards, representing the Baptist Orphanage; Rev. C. Durham, representing State Missions; Elder G. W. Hill, from Cape Fear Association; Revs. J. A. Smith, W. W. Willis, and several other brethren from Robeson Association, also a letter of correspondence was read from South Atlantic; on motion, letter received.

Elder G. W. Hill arose and read the following resolutions from the Cape Fear Association:

Whereas, The churches in Bladen county belonging to this body have withdrawn for the purpose of aiding in the formation of a county association, and, as there appears to be a growing inclination in favor of county associations among the churches, and, as we believe that in union there is strength, and when practicable, an association should be composed of a sufficient number of churches to promote all possible efficiency and act in harmony in the best manner to promote the cause of Christ, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we respectfully make a proposition to the Columbus As-

sociation that the remaining churches of this body consolidate with said Association, and unite as one body, and, in case this proposition is favorably received, that we respectfully suggest that the churches belonging to said two bodies, send up two delegates each to meet in convention at Pleasant Plain on Friday before the fifth Sunday in January next; and, in case the proposition is ratified by a majority of two-thirds of each body, then the consolidation of said Associations shall be considered complete. On motion, Revs. G. W. Hill and A. H. Porter be appointed a committee to present the above resolutions to the Columbus Association.

Done by order of the Cape Fear Association in session at the Shady Grove Church, Bladen county, N. C., on the 21st day of October, 1892

Rev. E. W. Wooten, Moderator.

A. H. Porter, Clerk.

Resolutions adopted.

Resolved. That the churches of Columbus Association send two delegates each, to Pleasant Plain on Friday before the fifth Sunday in January, 1893, in accordance with the request from the Cape Fear Association.

Adopted.

Rev. C. Durham read the following:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

For more than one hundred years we have been engaged in State Missions. In this work our fathers laid the foundations for our present large numbers, prosperous churches and institutions. Through all of these years this work has been enlarged year by year to the present time. We now have more than one hundred Baptist preachers occupying more than four hundred destitute neighborhoods and weak mission churches. Every dollar promised these toiling Baptist preachers should be paid them as speedily as possible. We recommend

1. That at least once a year, each pastor give to his congregation something of the history, prospects and importance of State Missions.
2. That each church and every member of each church be urged to aid State Missions by their prayers and contributions.
3. That the work be enlarged and wisely pursued till a Baptist church is established in every neighborhood in North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Durham.

Remarks by Dr. Durham and a collection was taken up amounting to $1.10. Report adopted.

The following pledges were also made:

China Grove	$ 1 00	Pleasant Hill	$ 2 00
Whiteville	10 00	Mt. Tabor	1 00
Oak Dale	2 00	Lennon X Roads	10 00
Piney Forest	1 00	Rev. H. Lennon	5 00
Griffins	2 50	Thos. Thompson	1 00
Smyrna	3 00	Mrs. J. A. Thompson, (Paid)	1 00

Bro. J. W. Powell read the following:

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

We believe, yea, we know, brethren, that it is the duty of every member

of the church to contribute liberally of his means to support the pastor. We also believe it to be the duty of the church to discipline any member who fails or refuses to contribute to Pastoral support.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Powell.

Report adopted.

On motion, adjourned to 9:30 a. m., to-morrow.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. C. Durham, prayer by Rev. E. J. Edwards.

Minutes of yesterday called for, read and approved.

Rev. A. H. Porter read the following:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows: That if it was not for the importance the subject demands of us, we should, after so much has been said and written by the ablest men of our country, almost shrink from the task, but knowing as we do, that much, yet remains to be done, before the monster, intemperance, is entirely driven from our land. Your committee is of the opinion that no better means can be adopted than, that our brethren collectively, come to the determination to abstain entirely from all that will intoxicate. For the sake of humanity, for the sake of the example to the rising generation, we feel it to be an indispensible duty resting on every Christian, strictly to adhere to this principle; for our candid impression is, that if the professed Christians of all denominations would pursue this course, that it would take but a little while to have a sober world. We would therefore make a few suggestions in a pecuniary, as well as religious point of view: Suppose the members of our denomination throughout North Carolina, were to abstain entirely from the use of intoxicating drinks, and whenever each one thought that he must have his usual quantity of liquors, enquire what that would cost, instead of making the purchase, lay by the amount, and at the end of the year, send it up to the Association, what might thus be saved, how long would it be before we could take care of our orphans, educate our young preachers and bring the world to Christ? But perhaps some will say, "I cannot be thus deprived of my liberties." Your committee is of the opinion, that no such liberties belong to any man, for all are fully aware of the bad influence drinking has on the community, and no man has a right to do that which he knows is of a demoralizing character. What our great Creator has given us, in this world, He has given us, that we should use it to His glory. And we ask, what right have we to abuse the means He has put in our power of doing good? We are told to "Touch not, taste not, handle not, that which perisheth with the using," and again, we would remind those who claim for themselves such great liberties, that the Scriptures hath said, "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price." Then

if we are not our own, how dare we pervert the use of God's blessings by such unholy practices? Respectfully submitted.

A. H. PORTER.

Report adopted.

Rev. J. Soles read the following:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools ask to submit for the consideration of every father and mother, and follower of the Blessed Master, the importance of religiously training our children and those entrusted to our care. God's word clearly teaches that we will be held responsible at the Bar of God, should we fail to perform our duty. So dear brethren, let us avail ourselves of our present opportunities and work zealously together until every church in our bounds shall be fully aroused to the great and important work of the Sunday School cause. Respectfully submitted.

J. SOLES.

Remarks by Drs. T. H. Pritchard and C. Durham. Report adopted.

Invitation to visiting brethren renewed. Rev. J. M. D. Scott, D.D., of Richmond, Va., representing the general work of Colportage, and Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., of Wilmington, representing Foreign Missions, came forward and made welcome to seats.

Rev. E. J. Edwards read the following:

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage is located at Thomasville, and is the property of the Baptists of the State. At present there are about 127 children at the institution, dependent upon the good people of the State for food, clothing, and education. The Lord has laid this work upon our hearts. Winter is now upon us, the children are without suitable clothes for winter; let us help as the Lord has prospered us. God has given us the privilege of doing this work to His glory and the good of orphan children. Your committee suggests that the churches take, at least, one collection during the year for this object, and that superintendents of Sunday Schools allow the children to contribute monthly. We also recommend Charity and Children, a paper published at the Orphanage, as worthy the patronage of the people. Respectfully submitted.

E. J. EDWARDS.

Remarks by Rev. E. J. Edwards, after which a collection was taken, amounting to $1.47, also a subscription for *Charity and Children* was taken, amounting to $1.50. Report adopted.

The Clerk read the following:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The progress of Foreign Missions within the last hundred years has been

marvelous and to-day, as we look back upon the years which are past and gone, we can truly say with one of old, "What hath God wrought?" One hundred years ago no missionary society was in existence. To-day, over 300 are in operation, and over 9,000 ordained missionaries, with 40,000 native missionaries are preaching the Gospel in all lands. In 1859, there was no Women's Foreign Missionary society in America. To-day, there are 54 with 38,000 auxilliaries. There are 16,000 children's banks, and other organizations for mission work. In 1843, only six Christians could be found in China. To-day, over 2,000; 56 missionary societies, and 1,800 missionaries. In 1872, ten Christians could be found in Japan. To-day, 48,181 with 38 missionary societies, 16 Theological Seminaries with 480 students. In 1813, Burmah had no Christians; in 1819, after six years of incessant toil, Judson baptized his first convert. Two years ago Burmah raised the third largest contribution in the world for missions. New England, $47,000; New York, $38,000; Burmah, $31,000.

These facts and statistics should fill us with new zeal and energy in moving forward the work of evangelizing the world. In this 19th century and centennial of missions, we should remember the words of the immortal Cary, "Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God." As this is the Centennial of Missions, we do earnestly urge the churches composing this body, to adopt some practical and systematic plan of securing contributions from each member of the church. We also recommend that this Association urge its Centennial Committee to formulate immediately some plan by which all of our churches may be stimulated to fall into line with the grand missionary movement now being made by our Southern Baptist Convention and the rest of the Christian world.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Smith.

Remarks by Drs. T. H. Pritchard and C. Durham. Report adopted.

On motion, adjourned for thirty minutes.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, prayer by Rev. Haynes Lennon.

The Clerk read the following:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We know of no subject pertaining to our denominational work in which we ought to be interested more than that of ministerial education. In an age of advancement like the present, the pulpit should be educated equal to the pew; and to accomplish this great end, it will take the energies and united efforts of our churches all along the line. All other denominations have their colleges and institutions of learning and give their attention to the education of their ministers. The Baptists of North Carolina have their own college—dear to them by reason of the sacrifices made by many of our good brethren in getting this institution of learning, equal to any in the South, upon a solid basis. Now we have Wake Forest College

standing with open doors to welcome all our young men who can and will go. In order to secure the best results in any line of work, thorough training is a necessity. In order to avoid many difficulties, mistakes, and unfortunate experiments and keep pace with other denominations, and secure to the Master's kingdom the best results of perseverance, diligence and enlightenment, we recommend that ministerial education be encouraged and supported. We would recommend to churches that they exercise utmost care in selection of candidates for such support.

Respectfully submitted.

W. W. Willis.

Report adopted.

The Clerk read the following:

REPORT ON DUTY OF PASTORS TO THEIR CHURCHES.

In the earliest ages the Lord raised up men as teachers of religion and for the performance of religious rites. Noah is spoken of as a preacher of righteousness, and Melchizidec a priest of the most high God. The duty of the priest under the law of Moses was to instruct the people and perform religious ceremonies. Under the Gospel dispensation the Apostle Paul says, "And He (Christ) gave some apostles, some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."—Eph. 4:11-12.

They must watch for souls as one that must give an account, to labor in word and doctrine. Preach the Word, be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering the doctrine, and contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. To feed the flock of God which is among you, to take the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly, not for filthy lucre but of a ready mind, neither being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. These are some of the divine injunctions given in the New Testatemt. Much depends upon the faithful performance of the Pastors' duty. They should be consecrated men and labor faithfully in the churches of their respective charges.

Respectfully submitted.

COMMITTEE.

Rev. Haynes Lennon submitted the following as report on Ministers Relief Fund.

MINISTERS RELIEF BOARD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

ARTICLE I.

Name.

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be "The Baptist Ministers' Relief Board.

Object.

Section 2. Its object shall be to afford aid and relief to needy Baptist ministers of North Carolina and their widows, subject to such conditions as shall be hereafter stated.

Donations.

Section 3. All donations to this Board shall be applied as follows: One-third to be invested as a permanent interest bearing fund, the interest on

which, together with the remaining two-thirds, shall be placed at the immediate disposal of the Board.

Members.

Section 4. The Board shall consist of nine trustees appointed by the Baptist State Convention, to which body it shall make a report annually, and conduct all its operations under the charter of the same.

ARTICLE II.

Officers.

Section 1. The officers of the Board shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, who shall act as Treasurer, and two Auditors.

Election.

Section 2. These officers shall be elected annually by the trustees of the first meeting of the Board after their appointment.

President.

Section 3. The duty of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Board, call all special meetings, and discharge all other duties pertaining to his office.

Vice-President.

Section 4. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence.

Recording Secretary.

Section 5. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Board, preserve all papers committed to his charge, and give notice of all meetings directed by the President.

Treasurer.

Section 6. As Treasurer he shall be required to give bond, the amount to be fixed by the Board. He shall keep an account of all money and property received and disbursed by him. He shall make all disbursements by check, signed by himself and countersigned by the President, and at each annual meeting, and oftener if required, make detailed report of his transactions. The books shall be subject to inspection by the President, and at least once a year submitted with his annual report to the Auditors for examination and verification.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Board, and to aid in increasing the funds of the Board, by visiting the Associations and churches as he may be able, and by personal letters, by public appeals in the papers, and any other methods which the Board may adopt to keep its objects before the public.

Auditors.

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the Auditors to verify the report of the Treasurer annually.

ARTICLE III.

Aid.

Section 1. To entitle any minister or his widow to participate in the benefits of the relief fund provided by this Board, he must be a Baptist minister of North Carolina, belonging to a regular Baptist church, identified with the Baptist State Convention.

Section 2. If not a native , he must have resided in the State and served churches as pastor or evangelist at least five years prior to his application.

Section 3. He must, by reason of age or physical infirmity, be incapa-

ble of regular pastoral work, his pecuniary condition must be such as to render the aid necessary to his comfortable living and support. His moral and religious character must be such as becomes a minister of the gospel.

Section 4. The applicant for aid, if a minister shall state in writing: 1. When and by whom ordained; 2. How long he has been preaching in this State; 3. Of what church and Association he is now a member; 4. What churches he has served for five years immediately preceding the application; 5. His physical or mental disability for active labor; 6. What private means either he or his wife has of support; 7. What amount will supply his necessities.

ARTICLE IV.

Widows.

Section 1. If a widow, she shall answer in writing: 1. Are you at this time the widow of a deceased Baptist minister of North Carolina; 2. Name of your husband; 3. Did your husband devote five years or more of his life to the ministry in North Carolina; 4. By whom was he ordained; 5. What church did he last serve; 6. With what Association was he connected; 7. What means have you now for your support, either directly or indirectly; 8. What amount would supply your present necessities.

ARTICLE V.

Endorsement of Association.

Section 1. All applications for aid must receive the endorsement of the Moderator and Executive Committee of the Association in which the applicant resides.

ARTICLE VI.

Applications—When Received.

Section 1. At any meeting of the Board, applications for aid may be considered.

Section 2. The business of this Board shall be conducted strictly upon a cash basis. No debt shall be contracted or aid voted to any one unless there is money in the Treasury to pay the same.

Compensation.

Section 3. No officer of the Board shall receive compensation for services rendered, except the actual expenses of a member when attending to the business of the Board, approved by the President and Auditor.

Amending Constitution.

Section 4. Any Article of this Constitution or By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the whole Board.

BY-LAWS.

Article 1. This Board shall meet on the fourth Wednesday in November, February, May and August, and at special meetings called by the President.

Article 2. Four members of this Board shall constitute a quorom for the transaction of business.

Article 3. The order of business shall be as follows:

Prayer.

Reading the minutes of last regular and special meetings.

1. Reports of committees.
2. Report of Treasurer.
3. Report of Corresponding Secretary.
4. Unfinished business.
5. Miscellaneous business.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That the churches be urged to take one collection each year and forward the same to the Treasurer of the convention as promptly as possible. Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

On motion, adopted.

On motion, all the funds in the hands of the Finance Committee be turned over to the agents present for the different objects.

On motion, a committee on religious exercises was appointed, as follows: Rev. T. J. Cobb, Thomas Thompson, James Powell.

Rev. C. Durham read the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It is exceedingly important that our people have in their homes our denominational periodicals. These are necessary to the highest efficiency of our churches in all departments of our work. The unity of faith, the hearty co-operation in work, and the growth of our cause, are largely dependent upon the information secured through these periodicals. We, therefore, recommend the *Biblical Recorder*, the organ of the Baptist State Convention, as a paper in every way worthy of the patronage of our people. The *Foreign Mission Journal*, the *Home Mission Field*, *Charity and Children*, and the Sunday School Series of Teachers, Quarterlies, papers, &c., published by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Remarks by Rev. C. Durham. On motion, report adopted.

The Committee on religious exercises reported as follows: Preaching to-night at 7:30 by Dr. C. Durham; Sunday School mass meeting at 10 a. m. to-morrow, to be conducted by Rev. T. J. Cobb; preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. J. M. G. Scott. Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Report adopted.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed as a nominating committee to select brethren to report on the various objects of the Association at next annual meeting. Resolution adopted. The committee was appointed as follows: Revs. Haynes Lennon, Joshua Soles, T. J. Cobb.

On motion, the location of the next session of the Association was taken up and given to the church at Whiteville, Columbus county, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the Second Sunday in November, 1893,

11 a. m. Rev. T. J. Cobb to preach the Introductory Sermon.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed a committee on Correspondence: Rev. D. N. Gore, Bros. J. W. Powell, Chas. McCormick.

On motion, the Clerk be allowed $5.00 for his services.

On motion, all unfinished business be referred to Executive committee.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the brethren and friends of this village and surrounding community for the hospitable entertainment extended during this session of the Association. Resolution adopted.

The committee to select brethren to report on the various objects of the Association, at the next annual meeting, submitted the following report:

State Missions—J. I. Williamson.
Home Missions—A. McKinnon
Foreign Missions—J. C. Williamson and T. S. Memory.
Ministerial Education—A. M. Kellv.
Ministerial Relief Fund—A. F. Powell.
Pastoral Support—A. F. Toon.
Sunday Schools—A. H. Porter and G. C. Caines.
Orphanage—T. J. Cobb.
Special Changes—Charles McCormack and J. A. Thompson.
Periodicals—J. W. Powell.
Duty of Pastors to Churches and Duty of Churches to Pastors—Haynes Lennon.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To Robeson Association—Henry Thompson and T. S. Memory.
To South Atlantic Association—Thomas Thompson, A. H. Porter.
To Waccamaw Association—A. H. Porter and T. J. Cobb.
To Baptist State Convention—T. J. Cobb, A. F. Powell, J. W. Powell.
To Southern Baptist Convention—T. J. Cobb; alternate, J. W. Powell.

Respectfully submitted,
COMMITTEE.

Report adopted.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to employ a Missionary for this Association for the ensuing year as they may think best.

On motion, adjourn to meet with the Church at Whiteville, on Thursday before Second Sunday in November 1893. Singing "Blest be the tie that binds," prayer, Rev. Haynes Lennnon leading.

A. McKINNON, Moderator.
A. H. PORTER, Clerk.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Churches.	Minute Fund.	State Misssion.	Home Mission.	Foreign Mission.	Education.	Orphanage.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expense.	Other Objects.	Totals.
Chadbourn	$1 00	$3 85	$ ..	$ ..	$ ..	$ ..	100 00	$90 00	.....	194 85
China Grove	60	.....	50	....	....	50	40 00	5 00	.....	47 61
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Oak Dale	25	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Piney Forest	60	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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Smyrna	1 00	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Seven Creeks	1 00	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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The churches that came in the Association this year did not send up their

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..	2	3	..	15	17	32	10	3	13	...	25	$12 00	S. F. Thompson, Chadbourn, N.C.
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2	5	4	3	44	98	142	...	..	...	...	...	.....	A. M. Kelly, Bladenboro, "
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to this body.

STATEMENT.

A. McKinnon, Treasurer, in account with Columbus Association.

CHADBOURN, N. C., Nov. 9th, 1892.

RECEIPTS.

Oct. 31, 1891,	Rec'd from Finance Committee	$32 52
"	Rec'd from Rev. Haynes Lennon	4 00
April 10, 1892,	Rec'd from Chadbourn Church	1 00
June 26, 1892,	Rec'd Sundry times	5 28
Total		$42 80

DISBURSEMENTS.

Oct. 31, 1891,	Paid Rev. D. J. Ray, for services as missionary	$12 00
" "	Paid Treas. Bapt. State Con. for Foreign missions	7 72
" "	Paid Treas. Bapt. State Con. for Home missions	6 98
	To Express on Minutes	40
April 2, 1992,	Paid for Minutes	6 12
Oct. 15, 1892,	Paid for postage and Minutes	6 68
Total		$42 90

To Printing Minutes		$16 50
Paid on Minutes	$12 78	
Balance due on Minutes	3 72	

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

Sunday School mass meeting met according to appointment, conducted by Rev. T. J. Cobb. Remarks by Dr. J. M. G. Scott, Rev. H. Lennon, Rev. D. N. Gore; closed by singing. After an intermission of about ten minutes, the congregation assembled in the house for preaching. Dr. J. M. G. Scott, preached according to appointment.

Thus closed a very pleasant and profitable session of the Columbus Association.

A. McKINNON, Moderator.

A. H. PORTER, Clerk.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POST OFFICES.

HAYNES LENNON	Orton, N. C.
T. J. COBB	Chadbourn, "
JOSHUA SOLES	Mount Tabor, "
A. H. PORTER	Orton, "
G. C. CAINES	Orton, "
MOSES PRIDGEN	Chadbourn, "
WILLIAM RAY	West, "
A. G. STOKES	West, "
W. R. CAINES	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

H. Lennon, A. H. Porter, A. McKennon,
T. J. Cobb, A. W. Fryer.

WHITEVILLE CHURCH, COLUMBUS CO, N. C.,
November 9th, 1893.

The Columbus Association met in its Sixth Annual Session with this church.

Services opened by Rev. E. J. Edwards. Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. T. J. Cobb, from 1st Samuel 15:22, after which an intermission of one hour and a half was given.

The congregation then assembled in the church, and Bro. A. McKennon, Moderator, called the Association to order.

On motion, letters called for, read and approved.

On motion, Brethren D. W. Powell, J. Soles, C. M. Lennon, were appointed a committee on Finance.

Delegates enrolled as follows:

Chadbourn—W. S. Frink, Thos. Thompson, Alfred Dyson.
China Grove—H. D. Duncan, F. D. Page, Johnathan Elkins.
Griffin's X Roads—R. Williams, J. Williams, M. Shaw.
New Hope—H. L. White, J. W. Dyson, E. V. Thompson.
Pleasant Hill—J. J. Thompson, U. F. Boswell, C. McCormick.
Macedonia—Emery Williams, D. B. F. Nance.
Mt. Tabor—J Soles, F. Spivey, H. Mills.
Oak Dale—A. H. Porter, J. E. Porter, F. M. Lennon.
Union Grove—J. W. Powell, K. Sellers, A. M. Hinson.
Lennon's Cross Roads—H. Lennon, G. M. Lennon, I. Lennon.
Piney Forest—L. I Yates, W C. McClenny, W H. Vann.
Seven Creeks—J. E. Reeves, D. C Kennedy, N. Ward.
Smyrna—N. W. Fryer, J. C. Black, S. C. Hayes.
Whiteville--D. W. Powell, J. L. Memory, J. I. Williamson

The Association then proceeded to re-organize, by electing A. M. Kinnon, Moderator; A. H. Porter, Clerk; Thomas Thompson, Treas.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren. The following were present and made welcome to seats: Rev. J W. Cobb, from the Robeson Association; Rev. Fletcher Stanley, from the Waccamaw Association; Rev. E. J. Edwards, from the Baptist Orphanage; Rev. W. A. Humphrey, from Robeson Association.

On motion, the report on the Orphanage be made a special object on tomorrow.

11:00 A M. Rev. A. H. Porter read the following:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school enterprise is one of great importance, and ought to claim the attention of all Christians, and especially parents. It is one of the great means of spreading the gospel; it enables us to carry out the command of Christ: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." While it is our plain duty to carry the gospel into all the world, we should be mindful of those that are growing up around us. The Sunday-school does not relieve parents of their parental duties, but is a great help in impressing gospel truths upon the minds of the children, and in bringing them to Christ. "Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul and bind them for a sign upon your hand that they may be as frontlets between your eyes and ye shall teach them, your children speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house—and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down and when thou risest up"—Deut 11:18-19.

We know that God blesses the Sunday-school work, and a great deal of good has been accomplished, still there remains much more to do. While the mind is in its germ, let us cultivate it, that it may unfold its flowers, produce a rich foliage, and ripen into eternal fruits of righteousness and joy.

Respectfully submitted.

Remarks by Revs. E. J. Edwards, J. W. Cobb, T. J. Cobb, W. A. Humphrey. Report adopted.

On motion, a committee on religious exercises appointed as follows: Brethren. J. I. Williamson, J L. Memory, A. F. Powell. Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows: Rev. W. A. Humphrey, to preach to-night 7:00 o'clock.

On motion, adjourned to meet 9:30 tomorrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev Fletcher Stanley, Letters called for read and approved.

An invitation to visiting brethren renewed: Bro. E. E. Hilliard, representing general education; Rev. W. W. Willis, from Robeson Association, came forward, made welcome.

On motion, a committe on Temperance appointed as follows: Revs. J. W. Cobb; W. W. Willis.

Bro. A. McKinnon read the

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The territory included under this head is Indian Territory, the destitute sections of Southern States not supplied by State Board, and Cuba. The grand object of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is to supply these sections with properly prepared spiritual food, viz: The gospel of Jesus Christ. Much has been accomplished; there is much yet to be done. Viewing this subject from a religious or political standpoint it is one of the greatest vitality to us as Christians and citizens. We must bring such influences to bear upon the natives within our own borders that will make them good citizens and throw around our own homes immovable safeguards.

Your committee would earnestly urge every church, every pastor, every Christian and every person to give of their means to this, one of the most important objects of the Convention. How can we suc-

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eesfully execute the important work of Christianizing foreign countries unless at the same time we use the means God has given us in spreading the gospel at home? Times are hard; money is scarce; may it not be because we are with-holding from God what belongs to Him

We earnsetly ask the churches to do something for this cause this yrar and don't wait until we come to the Association and hear the matter discussed before we think of it again.

Respectfully submitted,
A McKINNON.

Remarks by Revs. E. J. Edwards, T. J. Cobb, F. Stanley. On motion report adopted.

Rev. T. J. Cobb read the

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

About nine years ago the Baptists of North Carolina thought the time had come for them to organize some plan for caring for the Orphans of the State. Your committee suggest that the churches of the Associattion take up regular collections for their support, and the pastors explain the object of collection. And further, that the matter be brought before the Sunday-schools, and enlist the sympathy and efforts of the children. We think this might be successfully done by parents subscribing for the "Charity and Children," and getting them to read the same, remembering when we give one dollar for "Charity and Children, we are giving that to support the Orphans.

Respectfully submitted,
T. J. COBB.

Remarks by Revs. T. J. Cobb; E. J. Edwards and others. Contribution, including subscriptions for "Charity and Children," $4 90 On motion adopted.

The following resolutions was offered and adopted:

Reosolved: That the churches of this Association meet at their places of worship on Nov. 30th, 1893. (Thanksgiving Day) and carry conributions of wearing apparel and provisions, or any other articles that can be used, and send the same to the Baptist Orphanage at at Thomasville for their comfort and support.

On motion, adjourned for one hour.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association came together by singing and prayer.

Bro. A. F. Powell read the

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND.

Our Convention has established a Ministerial Relief Board located at Durham, N. C., Bro. J. C. Woodson, was elected Coresponding Secretary, and at the last Session of the Convention tendered his Resignation, and Col. Albright was made Secretary. The Board has, we understand done a fair amount of work in relieving some Aged Ministers who had worn out in the cause, and we are persuaded that it is our duty to actively engage in this work as a call from our Savior. We would suggest that we adopt some method of Systamatized Contributions for the Board. Your Committee would recommend that our Pastors be requested to lay this subject before their respective churches and ask a special collection for this object at least once in each year, forwarding such collections to the Treasurer of the Board and send receipt to the Secretary of State Convention prior to its convening. Respectfully Submitted,

A. F. PARNELL, Com.

Remarks by Rev. E. J. Edwards. Report adopted.

The Clerk read the following

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Recognizing the great need and importance of Religious Literature being read by our Baptist Brotherhood, whereby we may keep abreast with the times, and learn what our great Baptist hosts are doing in destitute Home and foreign fields, and to spur us to a more diligent action in helping, by our means to send the Gospel to the perishing millions; and too give our children good, sound, religious literature by way of helpful instruction in understanding the Word of God. we would most earnestly recommend the Biblical Recorder, N. C. Baptist, Foreign Mission Journal, Charity and Children and Our S. S. Series. Respectfully Submitted,

J. W. POWELL, Com.

Remarks by Revs. J. W. Cobb, E. J. Edwards. Report adopted.

Bro. Chas, McCormick read the

REPORT ON SPECIAL CHANGES.

We find that death has taken from the different churches, twelve members. they have been taken from time to eternity, where the redeemed have a resting place. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints. We mourn the loss of those departed brethren and sisters. But if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so they who sleep in Jesus, God will raise up in the last day to reign with him in Heaven. Respectfully submitted.

CHAS. MCCORMICK, Com.

Rev J. W. Cobb read the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee beg leave to report that in their judgment, the improvements in our church membership should include methods in teaching temperance to our people. We believe in addition to special

lessons, pastors, superintendents and teachers in all our schools should be careful to teach the Christian virtue and important truth of temperance as other truths and virtues are taught namely; day by day, continually and from every lesson taught. We hold this truth to be self evident, that all Sunday-school officers and teachers should be total abstainants, men and women, and that in their class teaching and in the public statement from the platform, subjects of temperance should be frequently and earnestly advocated. The teachings of the Bible, the salvation of our people and the deliverance of our whole land from the cause of intemperance and from the dominion of the liquor traffic, demand that the next generation be taught to love righteousness and hate this abominable iniquity.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Remarks by Revs. J. W. Cobb, W. W. Willis, E. J. Edwards and others. Report adopted.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report:

The amount received by your committee from the different churches for the following objects, in cash: For Minute Funds $9 91; State Missions, $16 36; Home Missions, $1 40; Foreign Missions, $1.41; Orphanage $1.80; Centennial Missions, $2.50; Ministerial Relief Fund, $1.59. Total, $33.49.

On motion, report adopted.

On motion, the Treasurer be authorized to pay over all money in his hands to the different objects. Location of next session of the Association taken up, and given to the church at Lennon's Cross Roads, Columbus county, N C., beginning on Thursday before third Sunday in November, 1894, 11 a. m. Rev. W. W. Willis to preach the Introductory Sermon.

The committee to select brethren to report on the various objects of the Association, at the next annual meeting, submitted the following report; State Missions, A. McKinnon; Home Missions, A. H. Porter; Foreign Missions, T. J. Cobb; Ministerial Education, Caswell Porter; Ministerial Relief, Haynes Lennon; Pastoral Support, A. M. Kelly; Sunday Schools, T. S. Memory; Orphanage, J. L. Memory; Periodicals, J. C. Williamson; Temperance, G. C. Caines; Duty of Churches to Pastors, W. W. Willis; Duty of Pastors to Churches, Ira Lennon.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To Robeson Association, J. D. Williamson; South Atlantic Association, W. S. Frink; Waccamaw Association, J. Soles; Cape Fear Association, L. I. Yates; Bladen Association, N. W. Fryer; Baptist State Convention, J. Soles, J. L. Memory, G. C. Caines; Southern Baptist Convention, A. H. Porter, Alternate, T. J. Cobb.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Report adopted.

On motion, adjourned 'till 7:30 to-night.

NIGHT SESSION.

Large congregation present. Prayer offered by Rev. W. W. Willis, after which Bro. E. E Hilliard delivered an address on the subject of General Education.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. G. C. Caines, after which the Association called to order by the Moderator.

The clerk read the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This grand work of sending the gospel to heathen lands begins at home. We ought to put missionaries and colporters out in each distinct association to establish new churches and scatter missionary literature among the great masses of people. In so doing we will acquire more stength to support the work that is now being done by our denomination for the evangelization of the the world. We have missionaries in China, Africa, Japan, Italy, South America and elsewhere. But much remains to be done. Brethren, let us prayerfully consider this greatest of all subjects in all of its features and bearings upon us and the world for whom we labor. Let us consider: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who although he was rich yet poor for our sakes that we through his poverty might be made rich." We recommend that our churches make regular monthly or quarterly contributions so that the collections for this important matter may not be postponed until the last month in the Associational year. We also recommend that our pastors, deacons and churches urge our people to subscribe for the Foreign Mission Journal and thus acquaint themselves with the needs and work of our missionaries in heathen lands.

Respectfully Submitted,

Committee.

Remarks by Revs. W. A. Humphrey and A. H. Porter. Report adopted.

On motion a collection of $2.24 was taken up to settle balance due our former clerk.

Rev. J. A. Smith read the

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

One of the leading objects of the Baptist State Convention as set forth in the Constitution is the education of young men called of God to preach his blessed word. The Board of Education was established to aid poor young preachers who were approved by their churches and passed an examination before said board.

One of our most promising young missionaries, recently appointed to Brazil, was reared in our own beloved county, and was aided by the Board. There are at present about thirty-five beneficiaries at Wake Forest. It takes $300 per month to meet the necessary expenses of these young men. The Board is in pressing need. Will not the pastors of the Columbus association see to it that their churches take collections for Education and forward the same to Bro J D.Boushall, Raleigh, N. C., at an early date. Respectfully submitted.

A. M. Kelly.

Remarks by Revs. J. A. Smith, W.W. Willis. On motion adopted.

Pledges were then made by the different churches for Minsterial Education as follows;

Chadbourn $2 50. Pd 50 cts. Griffins $2 50, Hew Hope, $2 00, Oak Dale $1.50, Piney Forest $3.00, Pleasant Hill $2 00, Smyrna $1 00. Union Grove $1.50, Cross Roads $2.50, Whiteville $3 00, Cash Collected $1.61, Total $23.11.

Rev. J. A. Smith read the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

A great-deal has been said and written on this subject, but it is a subject that cannot be exhausted. It is one of paramount importance. It is the real ground work of all the other departments of our christian labor. It is that solid foundation upon which rests the grand work of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Wake Forest College, the Orphanage and Biblical Recorder. In the language of our distinguished Secretary, State Missions were doing a grand work in laying the foundation of all other work before we had a College or a denominational paper. State Missions has found men in isolated places, brought them to Christ, nurtured them in the faith and sent them to labor as Missionaries in heathen lands. We refer to the beloved Yates as an instance of this kind. The grand object of State Missions is to put an open Bible and the gospel as we hold it in every section of the State, and upon that banner our children and their children, can read that ancient inscription "One Lord, one faith and one baptism."

Respectfully Submitted,

J. I. WILLIAMSON.

Remarks by Rev. J. A. Smith, Report adopted.

On motion adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by singing.

The reports prepared by Elder H. Lennon, on Duty of Pastors to Churches, and Duty of Churches to Pastors, were read.

Reports were excellent, but too long for insertion.

On motion, the collection on to-morrow be given to State Missions.

Rev. W. W. Willis, read the

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

It becomes the duty of every Christian to support the gospel. When we become members of the church of Christ, we place ourselves under obligation to support the church, and in this way we help in every department of labor for the upbuilding of the kingdom of our Lord on earth. One special feature of this work is that of maintaining a living missionary in our midst. Christ The great head of church, saw the necessity for Pastors and teachers when the commission was given, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Some system was and is necessary to carry into effect this injunction. Of necessity the church becomes this power for good in proportion to the instruction received from the pulpit at home; each church becomes an active agent in this department of Christ's work. The pastor is the one whom God has placed over the flock to instruct and teach the principles of duty and implicit obedience to God; and it becomes necessary that he have the support and co-operation of his work, Paul says: "Even so has the Lord ordained that they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel. We would earnestly recommend that every church in the bounds of the Association see that every member of the different churches contribute liberally to Pastoral support, and if a member be unabled to help in this very important feature of Christ's work, it becomes the duty of the church to which he belongs to help him to become able. Those of our church

who are unable to help in the support of a living ministry in our midst, surely have become objects of charity and should be looked after and helped by the church to which they belong.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. F. TOON.

Remarks by Brethren Wright Nye, D. N. Johnson, W. W. Willis. Report adopted.

Bro. F. P. Hobgood representing the Oxford Female College and addressed the Association on female education. Bro. T. F. Toon also apoke with reference to the Robeson Institute

On motion, Rev. H. Lennon, and Bro. T. S. Memory, appointed a committee to prepare obituaries on the life of D. J. Ray.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the brethren and sisters and friends of this town, and surrounding community for the hospitable entertainment extended during the Association. Resolution adopted.

The committee on Religious exercises reported as follows:

Sunday-school Mass Meeting 9:30 a. m. to morrow, conducted by Sup , opened by by Bro. N. D. Johnson.

Preaching at 11 a. m. in the Baptist Church by Rev. W. A. Humphrey, at the Methodist church, by Rev. W. W. Willis, Report ad opted.

On motion, That there be as many copies of the Minutes published as there is money in hand to pay for. On motion, the Clerk, be allowed $5.00 for his services.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Church at Lennon's Cross Raods, on Thursday before Third Sunday in November 1894, Dismissed by Singing and prayer.

A. MCKINNON,
Moderatior.

A H. PORTER, Clerk.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

Sunday School mass meeting met according to appointment conducted by Superintendent of Whiteville School. Opened by Bro. N D Johnson

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Minutes.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Centennial Missions.	M. R. F.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Other Objects.	Totals.	Baptized.	Reed by Letter.	Restored	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females	Total.	Scholars.	Off. and Tea.	Totals.	Vol. in Library.
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Seven Creeks	68										68	17	10		3			50	66	116	7	8	82	
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Col. J. S. Memory.
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Dr A. McKinnon
Rev J J Cobb.

PROCEEDINGS.

THE 7th Annual Session of the Columbus Baptist Association met with the Church at Cross Roads, Columbus county, N. C., Thursday, November 15th, 1894.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. W. Willis from 1st Corinthians 12:27.

An intermission of thirty minutes was given.

Delegates assembled in the house. In the absence of the Moderator and the Clerk, Rev. H. Lennon was appointed temporary Moderator, and Bro. A. M. Kelly was appointed temporary Clerk. Prayer was offered by Rev. T. J. Cobb.

Brethren Ira Lennon, C. Porter and G. M. Lennon were appointed a Committee on Finance.

On motion the letters were called for and read and the names of the delegates enrolled as follows:

Chadbourn—Thos. Thompson, W. S. Frink, A. McKinnon.
China Grove—D. F. Mercer, F. D. Page, J. G. Jackson.
Cherry Grove—R. R. Buffkin, E. M. Strickland, E. Strickland.
Cheerful Hope—L. H. Malpass, Sr.
Cross Roads—H. Lennon, H. Edwards, C. Porter.
Griffin's Cross Roads—H. Williamson, J. A. Floyd, J. C. Lennon.
New Hope—H. L. White, W. J. Dyson, J. B. Singletary.
Pleasant Hill—Letter misplaced, but the church was represented.
Porter Swamp—P. Godwin, — Godwin.
Piney Forest—L. I. Yates, W. H Vann, H. G. Powell
Macedonia—E. L. Williamson, E. K. Brown, W. K. Nance.
Mt. Tabor—W. E. Mills, McD. Fowler, J. Soles.
Oak Dale—D. J. Hester, A. N. Sibbett, L. Hobbs.
Seven Creeks—M. J. Stevens, R. E. Stevens, N. M. Ward,

Smyrna—A. Toon, J. M. Ludlum, B. Harrelson, N. W. Fryar.
Union Grove– K. Sellers, J M. Gore, D. J. Hinson
Whiteville—T. S. Memory, A. F. Powell, J. F. Thompson, B. Howell

The following were elected permanent officers for the ensuing year: Rev. H. Lennon, Moderator, A. M. Kelly, Clerk; Thos. Thompson, Treasurer.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren, when Rev. W. W. Willis, of the Robeson Association and Bro. A. J. Freeman, from the Bladen Association, came forward and were made welcome to seats.

Received by letter Cherry Grove.

Committee on Religious Exercises—Brethren C. Porter, G. M. Lennon, Thos. Thompson, F. D. Page, Ira Lennon.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator to prepare reports for next session of the Association: On

State Mission—Rev. T. J. Cobb.
Home Mission— A. M. Kelly.
Foreign Mission—A. McKinnon.
Ministerial Education—Rev. H. Lennon.
Ministers' Relief—W. S. Frink.
Sunday Schools—T. S. Memory.
Orphanage—J. I. Williamson.
Periodicals—Rev. J. Soles.
Temperance--F. Lennon.
Duty of Churches to Pastors—Rev. A. H. Porter.
Duty of Pastors to Churches—J. A. Thompson and S. F, Thompson.

Adjourned to 9:30 o'clock a. m. to-morrow. Prayer by Rev. J. Soles.

Friday, Nov. 16, 9:30 o'clock a. m. Religious exercises conducted by Rev. W. W. Willis. Clerk called list of churches. Quorum present. Hymn 180, in Manly's Choice was sung. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Cobb. Invitation to visiting brethren renewed. Rev. J. W. Cobb, from the Robeson Association, Bro B. S Patterson, Agent for the North Carolina Baptist, Rev. D. J. Clark, from the Bladen Association and Rev. A. G. Stocks from the Cape, Fear were made welcome.

The letters from New Hope and Union Grove were read, and the names of the delegates enrolled.

The letter from Plesant Hill indicated trouble in said church. A committee consisting of Revs. T J Cobb, W. W. Willis, J Soles and J. W. Cobb, was appointed to investigate said trouble and report at this session of the Association.

On motion, Bro. B. S. Peterson was appointed to prepare a report on the subject of Home Missions to be read at this meeting of the body

The report on Ministers' Relief was submitted by Rev. H. Lennon. adopted.

Report on Pastoral Support was read by the clerk. Adopted.

At this juncture Rev C. Durham, Cor. Sec. Bap. State Convention, and Bro. J. C. Caddell, agent for the *Biblical Recorder*, came in and were introduced by the Moderator.

The report on Periodicals was read by Bro. J. C. Caddell, and

further discussed by Brethren Caddell and Cobb. Report adopted.

The report on the duty of Christians to their pastors was read and discussed by Rev. W. W. Willis. Adopted.

Committee in care of Pleasant Hill church reported as follows:

We have investigated the matter in reference to Pleasant Hill church, and find the church in a state of disorder, from the fact that a part of said church believe in what is known as the "Faith Cure".

We therefore recommend that the part of the church who have not departed from the Faith, withdraw fellowship from those who have thus departed and united themselves with this disorderly organization.

Resolved. That the delegates representing orderly part of this church be recognized as delegates of this body.

J. Soles,
W. W. Willis,
T. J. Cobb,
J. W. Cobb,
Committee.

Report received.

Adjourned thirty minutes for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Rev C. Durham. Hymn, "Jesus Lover of My Soul," was sung.

Received by letter, Porter Swamp and Cheerful Hope.

Report on State Missions was read by the clerk, and after remarks by Revs. J. F. Tuttle and C. Durham, the report was adopted.

Delegated to the Baptist State Convention, Revs. J. F. Tuttle and T. J. Cobb, and Bro. Ira Lennon.

Delegated to Southern Baptist Convention. Rev. J. F. Tuttle and Bro. T. S. Memory.

Next session of the Association was located at Piney Forest, Columbus county, N. C., beginning Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in November, 1895, at 11 o'clock a. m: Rev. J. F. Tuttle to preach the introductory sermon: Rev. T. J. Cobb alternate.

Adjourned to 9:30 o'clock a. m. to morrow. Prayer by Rev. J. F. Tuttle.

SATURDAY, NOV. 17, 9:30 A. M.

Religious exercises by Rev. C. Durham, roll called. Quorum present. Minutes of yesterday read, amended and approved.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. C. Durham. Remarks by Brethren Caddel and Durham. Adopted.

Report on Orphanage was read by the Clerk. Remarks by Rev. J. F. Tuttle. Adopted.

The report on Home Missions was read by Rev. J. F. Tuttle, further discussed by Revs. J. F. Tuttle and C. Durham, and adopted on motion of Bro. T. S. Memory. Rev. J. F. Tuttle was recognized as a representative for the Orphanage.

The Report on Ministerial Education was read by Bro. C. Porter. Report amended by the following resolutions on general education:

Resolved, 1st, That in the opinion of the Columbus Baptist Association, the next Legislature ought to provide for a four months public school in each school district in every county in North Carolina.

Resolved, 2nd, That in our opinion the appropriation of the taxes of the people to higher education is not a help, but a hinderance to the best educational interests of the people of this State.

Remarks by Rev. J. F. Tuttle and C. Durham. Adopted. Cash collection for State Missions amounting to $4.32 Adjourned to 1:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

"'Tis God's Own Hand that Leadeth Me" was sung. Prayer, Rev. T. J. Cobb leading.

Report on Foreign Missions was submitted by Rev. T. J. Cobb, discussed by Rev. C. Durham, and adopted.

"From Greenland's Icy Mountains." was sung.

The Com. on Religious Exercises submitted the following:

Preaching to-night at 7 o'clock, by Rev. J. W. Cobb. Sunday services, mass meeting conducted by Rev T. J. Cobb. Addressed by Cols. T. F. Toon and T. S. Memory and Rev. J. W. Cobb. Sermon at 11 o'clock by Rev. J. F. Tuttle. Adopted.

The report on Temperance was not present, and on motion, the following resolutions were substituted for said report. (See resolutions in part second of the minutes.)

The Com. on Finances submitted the following report:

We, your committee, report the amounts received by us as follows: Minute fund $14.82, State Missions $16.54, Home Missions $.92, Foreign Missions $.41, Ministerial Education, $2.05. Orphanage $.78. Total, $35.52.

Resolved, That the churches of this Association meet at their places of worship on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 29, 1894, and be prepared to contribute in cash, or inkind to the Baptist Orphanage of N. C.

The constitutional amendment at Seven Creeks, three years ago was, on motion, rescinded.

Executive Committee for the ensuing year, Revs. H. Lennon, J. F. Tuttle, and T. J. Cobb, and Brethren A. McKinnon and T. S Memory.

On motion, all unfinished business was referred to the Executive Committee of this body.

On motion, the mission interests of this Association was also referred to the Executive Committee, subject to their discretion as to methods, etc.

On motion, the minute fund in the hands of the Finance Committee was paid over to the Clerk.

The Clerk was ordered to print as many minutes as the funds in hand will allow, and distribute them *pro rata* among the churches.

Collections on to-morrow for Ministers' Relief.

A vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for their liberal support of this body during this session.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the church at Piney Forest Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in November, 1895.

ELDER H. LENNON, Moderator.

A. M. KELLY, Clerk.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

Sunday School meeting 9:30 o'clock conducted by Rev. T. J. Cobb. Sermon at 11 o'clock a. m. by Rev. J. F. Tuttle from Psalms 115:12. Collection for Ministers' Relief $3.66.

K., Clerk.

PART II.

Following are the original reports as handed in:

REPORTS.

PASTORAL SUPPORT.

There can be no reasonable doubt in the minds of an unprejudiced reader of the New Testament of two of its leading principles governing the ministry.

1st They are commanded to "forsake all," and "go unto all the world and preach the gospel"

2d. They are to be supported by the churches. Every Christian is under obligations to give of his earthly things to this object. The minister ought to teach his people that this support is demanded by the Scriptures. Those professed Christtans who are able to give of their substance and refuse to do so are guilty of the sin of covetousness which is idolatry, and clearly forbidden in the Word of God. We hope to see the day when the people of the living God shall awake to their duty in this important department of Christian work.

Submitted,
A. M. KELLY,
Committee.

DUTY OF CHURCHES TO PASTORS.

Israel was a typical people In Acts 7:38 they are called "the church in the wilderness." The priests were to this "church in the wilderness" what the God called and qualified ministry is to the Church under grace.

It is evident, therefore, from the provision made under the law for the priesthood, that they derived their temporal support from their ministerial office. See 1st Corin 8:13.

Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel 1 Corin. 8:14.

For a pastor to successfully preach the Word, he should study to show himself approved of God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

To do this time is required. Paul said to Timothy. "Till I come give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine."

Every effort then should be put forth upon his part to feed the people upon something fresh, something that will instruct and edify.

The great commission is "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." Matthew 28:19.

Hence, the pastor, as well as the evangelist, is a teacher, and to teach successfully he must keep posted in proportion to the mental training of the people for whom he labors. We do therefore recommend that the churches use every legal effort to give their pastors their temporal support as well as their prayers and co-operation.

W. W. Willis, Committee.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

There is no more important work before the Baptists of N. C. to-day than that of State missions. This is the foundation rock of all missionary work. If we do not work up the destitute sections at home we can not be financially able to help in foreign fields, neither can we consistently offer the gospel to other nations when our people at home are starving for this great salvation. For more than 100 years we have been engaged in State Mission work, and to the success of these heroic efforts made by our ancestors, you and I to-day owe our knowledge of the plan of Salvation

Your Executive Committee, after mature deliberation recommended that the churches of this Association during the past year, take their collections for Associational instead of State Missions. We are making an effort to put a Missionary in the bounds of this Association and this plan was adopted as being the most applicable one to the situation. Associational Missions is really State missions only we kept the funds at home and have them used judicially in our midst. While this step will lessen the amount contributed to State Missions to a small extent, yet if judicially expended, will in a short time bring forth results for which, we may indeed, be thankful.

We recommend that the churches of this Association be asked at this session to pledge amounts to be paid during the year, so the Executive Committee can put a missionary in the field at once and work up the destitute sections of our country for we believe by this method alone can the highways and hedges be reached and brought to know and love their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We would further recommend that if there is any church or individual who desires to contribute to the general fund of State Missions that they do so. This recommendation is not intended to work to the detriment of State Missions, but to advance the great principle of Christian giving and thereby advance the cause of Missions.

Respectfully, A. McKinnon,
Committee.

The Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Ga., is one of the agencies being employed in carrying out the Redeemer's last great command: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." &c.

It's work is in the South and West, and in the island of Cuba. In the years gone by it was the "Foster Mother" of Baptist Missions in most of the more important cities of the South; and in our own Sate, Raleigh, Wilmington, Asheville, Charlotte, Elizabeth City and Newbern, with a number of other smaller towns, were the beneficiaries of this Board. By its misrionary enterprise, the Indian Territory has been, much of it, lifted from savage barbarism into the realm of Christian civiltzation. Its work in Cuba has been the wonder in modern missionary enterprize—so much so, that the name of Diaz and the work in Havannah, is a synonym to Apostolic missions, with the accompaniment of supernatural displays of Divine power and blessing.

With such a record the day is past when the support of this Board is a question of expediency when its claim to our prayers and contribntions might be disregarded—and the time come, when not only all our churches but all truly loyal members of the same, should esteem it a privelage to give it their warmest—their most cordial support. Your Committee would, therefore, recommend to all the churches of this Association, that thisBoard be held in tender remembrance in their prayers and contributions.

Respectfully Submitted, Committee

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

There are more than twelve hundred Baptist Sunday Scheols in North Carolina, but there ought to be three thousand. Many churches have Sunday Schools and at many school houses Sunday Schools might be organized. Parents and children, Christians and the unsaved alike should attend Sunday Schools. Special attention should be given on the part of teachers and children to the preparation of the lesson during the week, and earnest prayer should be made for God's blessing upon the work. All needed Sunday School song books, Bibles and Testaments, Quarterlies, and Sunday School papers, and supplies of every kind can be secured from the Baptist Sunday School supply store at Raleigh, N C Address all orders to Rev. C. Durham, Raleigh, N. C., and you will secure whatever is needed at publishers' prices.

T. S MEMORY,
Chairman Committee

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

At no time in the history of our denomination has the necessity for our people to be informed in all departments of our work been so keenly felt as now. And realizing that this must be effected largely through the influence of the religious press we would urge our people to take and read all the good literature possible. We recommend especially the *Biblical Recorder*, for 60 years the faithful exponent of Baptist principles and Baptist progress in N. C. We also recommend the *N. C. Baptist*, the *Home Field*, *Foreign Missionary Journal*, *Charity and Children*, and the Sunday School literature of the Southern Baptist Convention, published at Nashville, Tenn , and for sale at the Sunday School supply store in Raleigh, N C

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. CADDELL, Chairman Committee.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

Several years ago the Baptists of North Carolina realized the time had come for them to organize some plan for caring for the orphans of the State.

After prayer and deliberation they decided to establish a Baptist orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., which has been a great factor for good among the poor orphan children in North Carolina There are at present about 120 children at the orphanage Your committee suggests that the churches of this Association take up regular collections for their support and the pastors explain the object of collection.

And further that the matter be brought before the Sunday school and enlist the sympathy and efforts of the children We think this might be successfully done by parents subscribing for "Charity and Children" and getting them to read the same, remembering when we give one dollar for "Charity and Children" we are giving that to support the orphans.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. MEMORY.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

One of the primary objects of the Baptist State Convention, is to aid the indigent, but worthy young men who feel themselves called of God to preach the Gospel. For securing an education with this end in view, Wake Forest college was established, which is the property of the Baptist denomination in Nolth Carolina

Located at Wake Forest is the Board of Ministerial Education, which, after a careful and thorough examination, receives young preachers and enables them, by paying their board bills, to remain at the college and pursue their studies.

Many of our most efficient and useful Pastors and Missionaries, are men who were aided by this board. Thirty-seven young men are now being helped by the Board, and a number of others are making application for aid, but in vain, because the Board is in debt, and can act only as our churches, by their contributions enable it to do so.

Brethern: As Baptist it is not only our privilege, but our duty to help these young men in their noble efforts to prepare themselves to preach the blessed Gospel of Christ.

Respectfully submitted
C. PORTER, Committee

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Church Ex.	Minister R.	State Mission.	Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Total Contribn's.	PASTORS. POST OFFICE.
Chadbourn	133 41	...	2 85	1 47	1 63	1 61	2983	37 39	.....
China Grove	18 30	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	25	D. B. Dow, CerroGordo, N.C
Cherry Grove	60	....	55	.....	.....	....	.....	55	
Cheerful Hope	13 56	....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	N.A.Callahan.WhiteHall,N.C
Cross Roads	167 25	220	5 13	.....	4 00	85	7 23	19 41	T. J. Cobb Chadbourn, N C.
Griffin's X	76 80	...	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	" " "
New Hope	302 25	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	G. F. Stanley, Loris. S. C.
Pleasant Hill	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Porter Swamp		....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Piney Forest	91 57	....	2 71	1 22	3 92	.....	1371	21 56	T. J. Cobb, Chadbourn, N. C.
Mt. Tabor	1 65	....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	17 23	J Soles, ...
Macedonia	75 00	....	1 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 45	K. Barnes, Nye, N. C .....
Oakdale	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	1 05	3 25	4 30	G. C. Caines, Orton N. C. ...
Seven Creeks	21 42	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A. G. Sacks, Bug Hill, N. C.
Smyrna	41 00	....	.....	92	.....	1 00	50	2 42	A. H. Porter, Orton, N. C
Union Grove	12 50	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	J. Harelson, Clarendon, N. C.
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REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

God is the great author of missions. He sent his only begotten son into this sinful world to save all who would believe in Him. While Jesus was here in this world he went about as a Missionary preaching the gospel. Before he left this world he commanded his apostles to be missionaries and carry on this grand work, as his word plainly teaches "And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in Judea and in Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth." "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" "Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." "Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possessions." These are some of the commands that we read in the word of God about missions.

Let us note how God has blessed Foreign Missions.

One hundred years ago the heathen nations barred their gates against missionaries; but to-day we are told that there is not a single nation but what has thrown wide her gates and is inviting missionaries to come in with the gospel of Christ. God has called many men and women who are wating to be sent to the foreign field, but the board lacks the money to send them Brethren how long shall this state of affairs continue. Shall we not obey God and send his truth to all nations. Your committee suggest that all the pastors of this Association preach at least one missionary sermon during the year and tell the people what God is doing for missions, and regular collections be taken for foreign missions. We would further urge that all who can subscribe for the Foreign Mission Journal and keep posted on this grand work.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. Cobb.

Resolutions.

Whereas, The Southern Baptist Convention during its sessions in Nashville, Tenn., May, 1893, passed strong resolutions condemning the infamous whiskey traffic and advocating absolute prohibition as the only method of dealing with the great end, and

Whereas, Our sister Association, the Robeson, has recently passed strong resolutions endorsing the action of said Convention, and

Whereas It is the opinion of this Association that all such resolutions are wise, judicious and timely.

Therefore be it Resolved, that we, the churches of the Columbian Association, do all in our power to suppress the liquor traffic in our section and State at large by the creation of a Christian sentiment against this great moral vice.

Resolved That we will not tolerate the sin of intemperance in our midst, for the scriptures declare that drunkards shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Submitted.

T. J. Cobb.

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Rev. H. Lennon..... Orton, N. C.
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Rev. J. F. Tuttle..... Whiteville, N. C.
Rev. T. J. Cobb..... Chadbourn, N. C.
Rev J Soles..... Mt. Tabor, N. C
Rev. J. P. Lennon..... Applewhite, N. C.
Rev. A. G. Stocks..... Bug Hill, N. C.

(It is earnestly requested that the church clerks, in writing their letters to the Associations in the future, give the names and Postoffices of their ordained ministers —CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS.

PINEY FOREST CHURCH, THURSDAY, November 15, 1895.

The Columbus Association met this day in its 8th annual session with the church at Piney Forest, and at 11:30 o'clock the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. F. Tuttle from 1st Timothy 3rd chapter and last clause of 15th verse—"which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." After which the Association adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock A. M to-morrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION—10 o'clock, A. M.

The Association was called to order by the Clerk. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. A. H. Porter. In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. T. J. Cobb was elected temporary Moderator.

Moderator appointed Brethren W. J. Dyson, Wm. McClenny and C. J. Godwin, a committee on Finance. On motion, the letters were called for and refered to a committee of investigation, consisting of Brethren J. L. Memory, W. H. Vann and L. I. Yates.

The names of the delegates were enrolled as they appear at the close of this journal. By request the chair appointed a special committee to assist in the investigation of Whiteville letter. The following brethren of the ministry composed said committee: O. L. Stringfield, A. H. Porter, R. M. Hilburn.

Permanent officers were elected as follows: For Moderator, Rev. T. J. Cobb; for Clerk, A. M. Kelly; for Treasurer, Thomas Thompson.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren. Rev. O. L. Stringfield representing the Baptist Female University; Rev. J. W. Cobb, agent for the *North Carolina Baptist*; Rev. R. M. Hilburn, from the Bladen Association; Rev. J. P. Lennon, from the Cape Fear Association and Bro. S. W. Cobb from the Robeson, were made welcome.

Moderator appointed the deacons of this church with Brethren J. D. Watts and F. D. Page a committee on religious exercises.

The report on Periodicals was read by the clerk and futher discussed by Rev. J. W. Cobb. At this moment J. C. Caddell, agent for the *Biblical Recorder* and Dr. John Mitchell, representing Ministerial Education, came in and were welcomed. The subject under consideration was discussed by J. C. Caddell also, and on motion, the report was adopted.

On motion, the report on Education be the special order on re-assembling this afternoon Adjourned to 1 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Dr. John Mitchell.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called together by the Moderator, Rev. T. J. Cobb. "Jesus Lover of My Soul" was sung. Prayer by Dr. Mitchell.

Received by letter, Livingstone's Chapel.

In the absence of the report on Ministerial Education, on motion, it was agreed to proceed to enter upon the discussion of the subject. The Clerk to develop such ideas as may be presented. The following is a limited extract of Dr. Mitchell's speech:

"God calls young men, for the most part, to the work of the ministry before He prepares them. It is our duty, under God, to help prepare them in an educational point of view. To this end Wake Forest College and the Southern Baptist Convention were established, primarily.

There are thirty-six young men at Wake Forest as beneficiaries. It costs $9.00 per month to barely support them. The board is in debt. Brethren, will you not help us." A cash collection was then taken up for education, amounting to $2.66. Pledges were also taken by the different churches as follows:

Chadbourn, $2.50; China Grove, 50 cents; Cherry Grove, $1.00; Cross Roads, $2.50; Griffin's Cross Roads, $1.00; New Hope, $1.00; Pleasant Hill, 50 cents; Porter Swamp, 50 cents; Piney Forest, $1.00; Macedonia $1.00; Oak Dale, 50 cents; Smyrna, $1.00; Whiteville, $10.00; Livingstone's, $2.00. Total, $25.00. The subject of Christian education was discussed in a very strong, impressive manner by Rev. O. L. Stringfield. The report on Ministerial Education, as above, was adopted. Bro. Arch'd Johnson, representative of the Baptist Orphanage and *Charity and Children*, was recognized by the Moderator and invited to a seat.

Committe in case of the Whiteville church letter reported as follows:

Your committee report that in the matter of the Whiteville church we find the letter to be in order. Further, that it would be a matter of discourtesy to the brethren already invited by said church for this committee to enter into an investigation of the difference between Brother A. F. Toon and said church or any member of the same.

[Signed] COMMITTEE

The report on home missions was read by the Clerk, and discussed by Rev. Jas. A. Smith. Adopted. On motion adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30 o'clock. Prayer led by Rev. Jas A. Smith.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises, consisting of reading, singing and prayer, were conducted by Dr. John Mitchell.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. The journal of yesterday and day before was read and approved. Roll called. Quorum present.

Brethren J. W. Powell, C. Porter and J A. Thompson were appointed a committee to select brethren to write reports on the different objects of the Association for next year.

The report on State Missions was read by the clerk, and after discussion by J C. Caddell and J F. Tuttle was adopted. The roll was called, and the churches made pledges for State Missions as follows: Chadbourn $5.00; China Grove, $3.00; Cherry Grove, $3 00; Cross Roads, $5.00: Griffin's Cross Roads, $2.00; New Hope, $2.00; Pleasant Hill $2.00; Porter Swamp, $5.00; Piney Forest, $10.00; Mt. Tabor, $1 00; Macedonia, $3.00

Oak Dale, $1.00; Smyrna, $2.00; Whiteville, $20.00; Livingston's Chapel, $3.00. Total, $67.00.

Committee to name brethren to write on the different objects for next year made the following report: State Missions, J. C. Caddell; Ministerial Support, Rev John Mitchell; Sunday Schools, A. Johnson; Periodicals, J. C. Caddell; Ministerial Examination, Revs. T. J. Cobb, A. H. Porter and Rev. J F Tuttle; Ministers' Aid Fund, Rev. John Mitchell; Colportage, W. J. Dyson; Temperance, Rev J. A. Smith; Ministerial Education, Rev O L. Stringfield; Correspondence, J. L. Memory; To select Executive Committee, Revs. H. Lennon, T. J Cobb and J. A. Smith

Respectfully submitted, C. PORTER, J. A. THOMPSON, J. W. POWELL. } Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The report on the Orphanage was not present. On motion, the subject was discussed by Brethren Arch'd Johnson and J. C. Caddell (in substance) as follows:

1st. What we are trying to do.

2nd. The obligation of the people to support.

(a.) Because the children are our own.

(b.) Because we, as a people, need the exercise of giving. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

(c.) Affection is measured by dollars and cents. We love that we are willing to pay for.

A cash collection was taken up for the Orphanage amounting to $6.23.

Resolved: That the churches of the Columbus Association meet at their respective places of worship on Thanksgiving day, and take a collection in cash or in kind for the Baptist Orphanage, located at Thomasville, N. C. Adjourned half an hour for dinner. Prayer by Rev. H. Lennon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Delegates reassembled in the house. After singing and prayer, led by Rev. J. F. Tuttle, the location of the next session was taken up and given to Porter Swamp. Beginning Thursday, before the 3rd Sunday in November, 1896, at 11 o'clock, a. m. Rev. T. J. Cobb to preach the introductory serman, Rev. A. H. Porter alternate.

Bro. Thomas Thompson tendered his resignation as Treasurer of this Association, on account of age. Accepted.

On motion, A. M. Kelly was elected Treasurer.

Treasurer reported as follows: Received and disbursed, $20.86. Report received.

The report on Foreign Missions was read and discussed by Rev. J. A. Smith, and adopted.

Committee on investigation of church letters submitted the following:

We, your committee on investigation, beg leave to report that we find all the letters in order. Report received.

Committee on Religious exercises reported Sunday School mass meeting at 9:30 o'clock a. m., to-morrow, conducted by Rev. T. J. Cobb. Addressed by Rev. A. H. Porter, A. M. Kelly and others. Sermon at 11 o'clock a. m. by Rev. J. F. Tuttle.

In the absence of the report on Temperance, the subject was taken up and discussed by Revs. J. F. Tuttle and A. H. Porter, who submitted that "total abstinence" is the only safe guard.

The report on the duty of churches to their pastors was read by Rev A H. Porter Adopted.

Report on duty of pastors to their churches was read by Bro. Thompson, and, on motion, it was adopted.

Collection on to-morrow to be for State Missions.

Leave of absence was granted to Rev. H. Lennon.

Delegated to the Southern Baptist Convention, J. L. Memory; Rev. J. F. Tuttle alternate.

Delegated to the Baptist State Convention, Rev. T. J. Cobb.

Committee on Finance submitted the following:

We, your committee on Finance, report that we have received in cash the following amounts: State Missions $8.28; Home Missions $3 18; Foreign Missions, $2.06; Associational Missions, $2 9 ; Ministerial Education, $2.66; Orphanage, 58 cents; Minute Fund, $14.05. Total, $33.83.

On motion, the Clerk was requested to print minutes to the extent of the funds on hand, and distribute them in proportion to the amounts paid by the churches.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the church at Porter Swamp, Thursday before the third Sunday in November, 1896. Prayer by Rev J. F. Tuttle.

REV. T. J. COBB, Moderator.

A. M. KELLY, Clerk.

SUNDAY.

Sunday School meeting conducted by Rev. A. H. Porter. Addressed by Revs. Carter and A. H. Porter, after which Rev. J. F. Tuttle preached from Gen. 5:24. Collection for State Missions, $3.97.

A. H. PORTER, Clerk pro tem.

ROLL OF CHURCHES AND MEMBERS.

Chadbourn—J. A. Thompson, J. J. Thompson, Thomas Thompson.
China Grove—J. Powers, F. D. Page, D. F. Mercer.
Cherry Grove—R. R. Buffkin, B. M. Coleman, J. C. Hatcher.
Cheerful Hope—By letter.
Cross Roads—H. Lennon, I Lennon; A. M. Kelly.
Griffin's Cross Roads—F. M. Stephens, M. Shaw, C. E. Bullard.
Oak Dale—A. N. Sibbett, D. J. Hester, W. R. Britt.
Porter Swamp—C. J Godwin, M. Hammond, J. B. Barden.
Piney Forest—L. I. Yates, Wm. McClenny, J. W. Powell.
Pleasant Hill—U. F. Boswell, J. I. Nople, T. M. Fowler.
Mt. Tabor— J. J. Watts, Reuben Smith, F. G. Soles.
Macedonia—Wm. Nance, E. F. Williamson, J. J. Benton.
New Hope—M. J. Thompson, B. White, W. J. Dyson.
Smyrna—J C. Black, N. W. Fryar, A. Toon.
Seven Creeks—R E. Stevens, L Long, A. G. Stocks
Livingstone's Chapel—G W. Applewhite, J. P. Lennon, F. J. Atkinson.
Union Grove—J. W. Powell, D. J. Hinson, I. R. Ward.
Whiteville—J. I. Williamson, A. J. Maxwell, J. F. Tuttle.

STATISTICAL

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Cheerful Hope ...	....	L H Malpass, Applewhite, "	.....	... .	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
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Griffins X Roads	T J Cobb, Chadbourn, N C	G W Lennon, Orton, "	9	103	...	22	4 00	.....	M G Williamson Evergreen "
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Smyrna	J A Smith Fair Bluff "	N. W. Fryar Whiteville, "	9	75	.....	60	6 75	. . ...	A Toon Poo-more "
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Whiteville.....	J F Tuttle Whiteville "	R. H. Powell, Whiteville "	8	67	100	9	24 65	4 40	J L Memory Whiteyile "

REPORTS.

PERIODICALS.

Reading is the key to knowledge. The reason of so much ignorance is the lack of applying ourselves to reading. First of all, our reading should be a diligent search of the Bible; for from this book, as from no other, we learn our duty to God, as well as to ourselves and our fellowman. And we firmly believe that no one can give this book a diligent search without becoming a Christian. Then after reading the Bible we may profit by reading the writings of eminent Christians. Especially is the newspaper an important factor in educating our minds. The printing press is the most powerful force in the world for propagating good or evil.

Your committee would recommend every Baptist in this Association to subscribe for the *Biblical Recorder*, the *North Carolina Baptist*, the *Mission Journal*, *Charity and Children* and the Sunday School literature of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The reason of so many *isms* among us is because of ignorance, not because we are worse than other people. Let us read more and we will love more, and give more to the Masters' cause.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Soles, Committee

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is an agency for good. Increase of Missionaries this year has been nearly 12 per cent.; of receipts 20 per cent., and of baptisms, 32 per cent. While this is true, there is a large field before us. In the territory covered by this Board there are twenty millions of people and only two and a half millions Baptists. Some of the others are Christians of various names, but probably one third of them have no religion at all. The colored people, the Indians of the Territory and others, the large cities, the foreign population and Cuba all unite in calling us to their aid. Let our people rally to the work, in the name of the Master, and victory is ours.

Submitted,

A. M Kelly, Committee.

STATE MISSIONS

State Missions is that department of our work in which all our Associations are united in practical efforts to give the gospel to the destitute sections of the State. It is the foundation stone of all missions. Dr. Yates said "The hope of the heathen world, under God, depends upon well organized, and well trained churches at home." Jesus told his disiples "Beginning at Jerusalem and go first to the lost sheep of the house of Isreal." One hundred and sixty-seven years ago Shiloh Baptist church was organized, it being the first Baptist church in the State. Since that time the Baptists have engaged in State Mission work. The result is we have more than three thousand Baptist churches now in North Carolina which are living monuments to State Missions.

This year the Board has about ninety preachers in this work, who are giving the gospel, as we believe it to be taught in the New Testament, to the people in about three hundred destitute places.

As long as there is an unconverted person in North Carolina, it is our duty to work for State Missions. Respectfully submitted,

T. J. Cobb, Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In the second Psalm it is said, "I will declare the decree: The Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee, Ask of me and I shall give the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost part of the earth for thy possession." It is clear from these inspired words that one of the grand objects of redemptions wonderful plan is to give to Christ an everlasting inheritance—an innumerable company gathered out of every nation kindred, tribe and tongue who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. And the Great God of the universe has decreed from all eternity that his people shall be the chosen instruments in placing in the hands

of Christ this grand reward The command given to his churches and chosen embassadors are those well known stirring words: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned." These words are so plain that there is no possible chance to be mistaken as to the real meaning. The one grand work and aim of the church and its individual members is to obey this command of Christ inspired by the blessed promise, "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." One of the peculiar marks or essential attributes of the church of Christ is the fact that it is missionary both in principle and policy. The church is like its Great Head who left the glory of Heaven to suffer and die for a lost and ruined world. We send the gospel across the seas to convert the heathen and turn them from idols to serve the living God. If they do not desert their idols to serve God and await the advent of his son from heaven they are lost forever. The fearful sin of the heathen is idolatry and to save the church from the same awful sin, we must obey the command of Christ. The holy apostle says: "Beware of covetousness which is idolatry." And the covetous spirit which is in our churches is the only serious obstacle in the way of the conversion of the heathen world. We as true Christians, should do all in our power to revive the spirit of missions in our churches Let the preachers preach as they have never done before on this important subject Let the churches adopt the wisest and most direct methods of securing regular contributions from all the members of our churches We recommend to all the churches the Mission Journal, established by our Boards in behalf of missions.

JAMES A. SMITH

REPORT ON DUTY OF CHURCHES TO PASTORS.

The duties of churches to pastors are many, and we propose to name only a few.

1st. The duty of a church to support the pastor is clearly taught in both the Old and New Testaments. The Lord gave no inheritance to the Priests, as He did to the other tribes, because He intended they should be supported by their brethren. They had a tenth of everything, besides the first fruits. When any man killed an animal for his own use, he was required to give the priest the shoulder. Duet. 18.3

Under the gospel dispensation, God has called men and qualified them by His Holy Spirit to preach His own everlasting Gospel, and has definitely taught His church their duty on this point. "The workman is worthy of his meat"—Mat. 10:5.

"If we have sown you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things."—1 Cor., 9. 11.

"Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel."—1 Cor., 9:14.

2nd. It is clearly taught in the scriptures that it is the duty of the church and people to hear, obey and respect their pastors.

3rd God has made it the duty for the church to pray often for their pastors.

"Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me."—Rom. 15:30

"Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds. That I may make it manifest as I ought to speak.—Col., 4:3.4.

Respectfully submitted.

A. H. PORTER, Committee.

DUTY OF PASTORS TO CHURCHES.

It is expected that the pastor should employ his private time visiting the members and families of his congregation, and that he should use a freedom in conversing with the same.

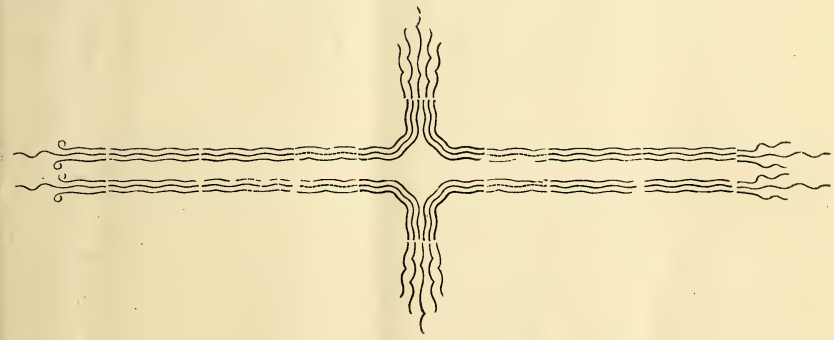
Again, it is the duty of pastors to try to impress upon the minds of each individual member in his church that it is absolutely necessary for him or her to live an upright Christian life, thereby showing to the world that there is "reality in the religion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Respectfully,

J. A. THOMPSON, }
S. F. THOMPSON, } Committee.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Appoint Finance Committee.
3. Read church letters and enroll names of delegates.
4. Election of officers.
5. Call for newly organized churches and those wishing to join by letter.
6. Appointment of Committees to write on the various objects of the Association.
7. Invitation to visiting brethren.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Call for report of Finance Committee.
10. Call for report of special committees.
11. Report of Treasurer and Executive Committee
12. Read and correct minutes.



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REV. A. H. PORTER,	Orton,	N. C.
REV. J. F. TUTTLE,	Whiteville,	" "
REV. T. J. COBB	Chadbourn,	" "
REV. J. SOLES,	Mt. Tabor,	" "
REV. J. P. LENNON	Applewhite,	" "

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Revs. T. J. Cobb and A. H. Porter, and Brethren Ira Lennon, J. W. Powel and A. F. Powell.

PROCEEDINGS.

PORTER SWAMP CHURCH, October 20th, 1896.

The Columbus Baptist Association met this day with the above named Church, and at 11 o'clock a. m. the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. T. J. Cobb on the subject of Regeneration from St. John 3: 3.

The moderator called the Association to order for business, and after prayer the roll of churches was called, a quorum responding.

Moderator appointed Brethren L I. Yates, A. Toon and E. L. Williamson a committee on finance.

On motion the letters were called for and read, and the name of the delegates enrolled as follows:

Chadbourn—J. A. Thompson, B. H. Harnly, A. Dyson.
China Grove—F. D. Page, A. Nobles, D. F. Edwards.
Cherry Grove—A M. Worley, E. Coleman, Bethel Buffkin.
Cheerful Hope—By Letter.
Cross Roads—A. H. Porter, H. Powers, G. M. Lennon.
Oak Dale—Not represented.
Porter Swamp—D. R. Williamson, J. A. Godwin, P. I. Godwin.
Piney Forest—L. I. Yates, W. H. Van, E. H. Nance.
Pleasant Hill—U. F. Boswell, T. J. Bass, John Rhodes.
Mt. Tabor—By letter.
Macedonia—E. L. Williamson, J. J. Benton, W. K. Nance.
New Hope—J. Y. Butler, Z. K. Dyson, E. H. Thompson.
Smyrna—A. Toon, M. W. Fryar, B. Harrelson.
Seven Creeks—Not represented.
Livingston's By Letter.
Union Grove---Not represented.
Whiteville---J. I. Williamson, R. T. Thompson, A. J. Maxwell.

On motion the letters were received.

On motion the election of officers was taken up which resulted in the re election of Rev. T. J. Cobb for moderator and A. M. Kelly for clerk and treasurer

On motion the Association adjourned one and a half hours for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called together by singing "Am I a Soldier of the Cross." The moderator read the 19th Psalm; prayer by Rev. J. F. Tuttle.

An invitation to visiting brethren was extended when Rev. R. L. Byrd, from the Robeson Association, came forward and was made welcome.

The moderator appointed Brethren J. F. Tuttle and A. M. Kelly to select and executive board for the coming year, and to name brethren to write on the various objects of the association for the next session of this body.

The moderator appointed the deacons of this church with Brethren E. L. Williamson. E. H. Nance and J. A. Floyd a committee on religious exercises.

On motion it was agreed to hold the next session of this association at Cherry Grove Church, beginning Thursday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1897; Rev. A. H. Porter to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. T. J. Cobb, alternate.

On account of the absence of the brethren to prepare reports on the objects of the association, the following brethren were. on motion, appointed to do the work: Ministerial education Rev. J. F. Tuttle; Aged Ministers' Relief, Rev A. H. Porter; Sunday Schools, Bro. B. H. Harnly; Orphanage, Rev. R. L. Byrd; Foreign Missins, Rev. J. F. Tuttle.

The committee on religious exercises reported the following:

Meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock a m; adjourn for dinner at 12:30; re-assemble

at 1:30; adjourn at 4. Preaching to-night at 7 o'clock by Rev. R. L. Byrd.

On motion adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock a m to-morrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. A. H. Porter; Moderator Cobb in the chair. Roll called; minority present. On motion we proceed to business—proceedings subject to the ratification of a majority.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Invitation to visitors was renewed and Brethren A. Johnson, from the Orphanage, and J. W. Cobb, representing the North Carolina Baptist, were presented and made welcome.

The report on aged ministers relief was read by Rev. A. H. Porter as follows:

"This is a very worthy object and should be near all of our hearts. We, as a denomination, should see that our aged ministers who have labored all their lives with meagre salaries should never be allowed to want for the necessities of life. In view of the need of money for our aged and worn-out ministers and their widows of the state, we would respectfully recommend that each church in this association take one liberal collection some time during the year for their relief; and that the pastors of the several churches keep this important subject before the people to the end that they may know their duty in this matter. Respectfully submitted,

A. H. PORTER, Com.

After discussion on motion the report was adopted. The report on ministerial education was read ey Bro. A. Johnson as follows:

"The board of education should have the help and sympathy of every Baptist in North Carolina. We have but to lift up our eyes and look about us to see the need of well equipped ministers of the gospel. The pew must not be in advance of the pulpit. The preacher must know, at least, as much as his people. The demand for an educated ministery grows more pressing every day. The work our board has done in opening a door of opportunity to poor young men during its past history cannot be estimated. Let all our churches bear some part, though it be humble, in sustaining this blessed work. The board is now in great need. They are obliged to turn away young men of promise for lack of funds; they are in debt and it is a shame to our churches that they owe a dollar. Now is the time to help.

Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE.

After discussion by Brethren Johnson and Tuttle the report was adopted. Rev. R. L. Byrd read the following report on the Baptist Orphanage:

"This is an institution that appeals to the sympathies of every people in our land; much more ought it and does it appeal to all Christaindom In the word of God it is declared that "pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and the widows in their afflictions, and keep unspotted from the world." The care of the orphan children of our state is in accordance with the teaching of the Apostle James. Our Orphanage at Thomasville is now supporting 144 children by the voluntary contributions of her constituents. The property belongs to this institution and consists of about three hundred acres of land and sixteen buildings. The children are taught by competent Christian teachers, and. we take it, are safe in their care. We recommend that all the churches and Sunday schools contribute regularly to this most worthy object.

"Respectfully submitted, R. L. BYRD, Com."

The above report was discussed by Brethren R. L. Byrd. A. Johnstson. J. W. Cobb, A. H. Porter and J. A. Smith, and was, on motion, adopted. (Rev. J. A. Smith, of the Roberon Association, was recognized by the moderator

and made welcome to a seat with us.) A cash collection amounting to $12 63 was then taken up for the Thomasville Orphanage and turned over to Bro. Johnson, the authorized representative.

Resolved, That the churches of this association meet at their respective places of worship on Thanksgiving Day and take a collection for this worthy object.

Adjourned half an hour for dinner. Benediction by Rev. J. A. Smith.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Delegates re-assembled; "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" was sung; prayer by Rev. R. L. Byrd. The following report on periodicals was read by the clerk, and after being further discussed by the brethren was adopted.

PERIODICALS.

The reason of so much ignorance is the lack of reading. A people who read think and not for self. First of all we recommend the Bible, the sure Guide for man through this world. Then we recommend such sound papers as the Biblical Recorder, the North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children and the Foreigh Mission Journal, as worthy of your support and study. Let us read more and we will pray more and work more. Submitted,

L. I. YATES, COMMITTEE.

The following is the report on Foreign Missions:

"Foreign Missions is simply one of our departments of work and is so described to distinguish it from other missionary enterprises. The fact is one, and altogether an expression of loyalty and obedience to Jesus Christ. It is also an expression of Christian sympathy and beneficience. The church therefore, or the individual who is not missionary in spirit and aim is not in harmony with the spirit and aim of the gospel. To be anti-missionary, either in theory or practice, is to be by that much anti-Christian; for Christ came, and lived, and suffered, and died to save the world. "Now, if any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of His." In obedience, therefore to His last great command, the Southern Baptist Convention has inaugurated missions in foreign fields, locating its board at Richmond, Va. At present this board is greatly embarrassed, and, unless contributions are increased, it is only a question of time when missionaries now in the field will have to be called home. Brethren of the Columbus Association. have we done. are we doing our duty? Your committee would urge that the pastors and churches arouse themselves from their present state of inactivity, lest the Master should come and find our "lamps gone out." J. F. TUTTLE, Com.

Read by Rev. J. F. Tuttle and discussed by the bretheren, and adopted.

Bro. B. H. Harnly read the following report on Sunday Schools:

"That the Sunday school is a vital factor in the advancement of Christian education all must necessarily admit. It opens the young minds to a realization of the fundimental truths underlying the great plan of creation and acquaints them of their true relationship toward God. The mind being thus prepared is more easily influenced by gospel teaching; and eventually will respond more readily to Christ's invitation to accept a higher—a spiritual life. The Baptist Sunday schools of Columbus county are doing a noble work. The eighteen churches of this association have an average membership of one hundred and eight. The average Sunday school attendance in the same number of churches is sixty-three. Total attendance about 1,125. an increase of about 30 per cent over last year. This is a good showing. But by comparing figures it will be shown that the attendance of the Sunday school should be more than doubled among the membership itself, to say nothing

of the many in the community unallied to any church organization that should be reached and influenced. Hence it is urged that the churches of this association should put forth redoubled efforts to extend work and benefits springing from the Sunday school. They should reach forth and draw not only the younger members of the community, but also the older into the Sunday school to instruct them concerning the great principles and truths of the Bible and moral integrity. This developes true Christian manhood and womanhood, which in turn will promote the church, purify society and preserve the state. B. H. HARNLY.

On motion adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock a m to-morrow.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The association was called to order by the moderator. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J F. Tuttle. Invitations to visitors was renewed when Bro. J. C. Caddell, agent of the Biblical Recorder, came forward and was made welcome. The following report on intemperance was read by Rev. J. F. Tuttle Adopted:

"The author of this report has in his possession copies of the minutes of several district associations belonging to three different states. Some of these minutes are over a quarter of a century old and we find in a majority of these minutes no report whatever on the subject of intemperance, and where reports are found they are so short and mild as to leave the impression that only a desire to fulfill a present duty weighed upon the minds of the authors. We are glad to note the fact however that the Southern Baptist Convention, one of the largest and most powerful representatives on earth, has for several years past raised the voice of warning and passed the strongest kind of resolutions condemning the whiskey traffic and advocating prohibition as the only feasible method of dealing with this great evil. The people of the United States are at this moment engaged in one of the most alarming and exciting political campaigns which has ever before been witnessed in this republic. The issue before the people now is money, the love of which threatens the very life of the nation, but while this is the leading issue and thousands of patriotic people are praying day and night to God to save this nation from the gluttonous grasp of organized monopoly; the Lord's people should not forget that another gigantic evil is sweeping like a mighty cyclone over this fair land of ours, making widows and orphans, desolating once beautiful homes, debauching public morals, corrupting state and national legislatures, and threatening to efface from the earth everything which renders life sacred and dear. Notwithstanding the suppression of the saloon in certain localities and the heroic efforts of temperance men. the evils of intemperance have steadily and rapidly increased. The latest statistics accessible show that liquor annually costs the people of the United States nearly one billion dollars. This is nearly twice the amount spent for clothing, three times the amount spent for bread and eleven times the cost of public schools. It is to be greatly feared that our churches are not doing their duty in the suppression of intemperance The Bible is very plain in its declaration that no drunkard shall enter the Kingdom of God, and no Baptist church should tolerate in its membership persons who sell liquor or advocate its traffic as an intoxicating beverage. The only sufficient remedies for the great and growing evils of intemperance is found in total abstainence for the individual and prohibition by an amendment of the constitution of the state. To accomplish these ends all Christains should use their influence and give freely their work, means and prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SMITH.

The report on home missions was read and discussed by Bro. J. C. Caddell, and was addopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

This department of our work is designed to give the gospel to the destitute sections of the Southern Baptist Convention. This embraces the negroes, the Indians, the native population which is now settling in the west, the foreign population which is coming to this land to make their homes, and the Island of Cuba.

The Lord is greatly blessing us in this work, and we would urge upon the churches that we have no more important work before us than that outlined by the Home Mission board, and your committe would urge all of our churches to increase their contributions for this work and pray continnally for the brethren who are laboring in this field. Respectfully,

Committee.

The moderator announced that time would be granted Brother J. C. Caddell to talk on the subject of periodicals, he having arrived too late to take part in the discussion at the proper time.

The report on state missions was read by Rev. J F. Tuttle. and, on motion, the discussion of this subject be the order on reassembling this afternoon after having given half an hour to the sisters to attend to work pertaining to the Womans' Missionary Society.

Committee to name brethren to write on the various objects of the association for next session, and to select an executive com. for the ensuing year, made the following report. which was adopted:

State Missions—Rev. A. H. Porter.
Ministerial Education—J. E. Porter.
Sunday Schools—George W. Lennon,
Periodicals—D. H. Harnly.
Home Missions—B. H. Harnly.
Foreign Missions—Rev. J. A. Smith.
Aged Ministeres' Relief—Ira Lennon.
Intemperance—Rev. T. J Cobb.
Executive Committee—Revs. T. J. Cobb and A. H. Porter, and Brethren Ira Lennon, J. W. Powell and A. F. Powell.

Rev. J. F. TUTTLE, A. M. KELLY, } Com.

Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention—Bro. A. F. Powell.
Delegate to the State Baptist Convention—Rev. T. J. Cobb.

The treasurer submitted the following report:

Nov 19	By cash received of Finance Committee,		$ 37 80
" "	To cash paid to J. D. B for different objects	$ 20 83	
" 31	To cash paid for Minutes,	14 05	
		34 88	37 80
	Balance in hands of the treasurer for association mis,		$ 2 92

On motion the report was received. Adjourned for dinner. Benedictio by Rev. J. F. Tuttle.

AETERNOON.

The delegates came together. Prayer by Bro. Tuttle. The report on state missions, as read in the forenoon, was taken up and discussed by Brethren Tuttle and Caddell, and, on motion, was adopted.

STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions with us, as a denomination means (1) to furnish the gospel to destitute sections, or communities; that is, communities in which the gos-

pel is not preached at all; and (2) the occupation of territory where Baptist doctrins are not known or understood. Indeed, it means the planting of a Baptist church in every town, village, hamlet and community in North Carolina. To do this work our State Convention has located its board at Raleigh and from time to time changes its policy to meet changed conditions, has sought to enlist all our Baptist people in this special work. Under the leadership of Bro. John E. Ray and the lamented Durham this work was most signally blessed. But a great shock came when the news is published over the State that Bro. Durham is dead. The question asked was "on whom shall his mantle fall?" In the united councils and prayers of the brethren this question was answered---Brother John E. White, a brother beloved, was chosen as his successor, and is making a heroic effort, not only to keep up this work on a level with its former status, but to press it forward to greater conquests. Your committee is impressed that the executive committee, the pastors and delegates to this meeting should devote their best energies towards the organization of our churches in support of this work.

Respectfully submittee, Committee.

On motion Brethren T. J. Cobb and A. M. Kelly were appointed a committee on obituaries. This report to be appended to these minutes.

The finance committee made the following report: We, your committee on finance, beg leave to report that we have received the following amounts: State missions, $5 77; foreign missions $3 96; associational missions $3 35; orphanage, paid to Bro. A. Johnson, $2 51; ministerial education $1 36. On motion the report was recieved and the money paid over to the treasurer.

On motion the clerk was requested to print minutes to the amount of $12, the deficit in the minute fund to be supplied by the associational fund, with an amount sufficient to pay postage on minutes.

On motion of Bro. L. I. Yates a vote of thanks be tendered to this church and community for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the association during this session.

Adjourned by praise to meet at Cherry Grove on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1897. REV. T. J. COBB, Moderator.

A. M. KELLY, Clerk:

REV. HAYNES LENNON.

Rev. Haynes Lennon, the subject of this sketch, was born in Columbus county, North Carolina, December 16th, 1816, and passed from this life into the rest that remaineth for the people of God on January 30th, 1896. Bro. Lennon was converted in May 1836, was baptized by Rev. Davis and joined Ashpole Baptist church. Soon after his convertion he felt it his duty to preach the gospel; was licensed by Ashpole church Nov. 1836, and was ordained to the full work of the ministry at Ashpole in May 1844. The presbytery consisted of Rev. Davis, Wm. Ayres and Goodman. Bro Lennon was an excellent gospel preacher, he was a sound logical thinker and while he did not have a collegiate education, he, by his untiring efforts and perserverance, had required a good store of knowledge. He was a life long student of the Bible. That he was a good pastor is proved by the fact that his sevices were always in demand. He having ser?ed as pastor of churches in Columbus, Robeson, Bladen, Brunswick counties in this State, also in Horry county, S. C. Bro. Lennon preached ai Antioch church 51 years, at Lennon's X Roads 34 years. He was moderator of the Cape Fear Association for 25 years. He was also moderator of the Columbus Association at different times after it was organized. He was faithful to attend the associations and union meetings. A good man and a prince in Israel has fallen.

T. J. COBB. }
A. M. KELLY } Committee.

STATISTICAL.

CHURCHES	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Total	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total	Males	Females	Total	
Chadbourn		3		3	1	1	2	4	15	15	30	3
China Grove					4	6	1	11	31	38	69	
Cherry Grove,	18	7	13	38	3	1	2	6	76	143	219	
Cheerful Hope,	3	1		4			2	2	6	18	24	
Cross Roads,		2	1	3	2		3	5	54	97	151	10
Griffins' X Roads		2	1	3	4	2	4	10	41	87	127	8
Livingston's	11	1	2	14					49	57	106	
Mt. Tabor		6		6	1	11	3	15	62	138	200	
Macedonia	6	2	3	11	2	1	1	4	79	80	159	2
New Hope												5
Oak Dale												
Porter Swamp,	17	5	6	28	3		3	6	36	76	112	10
Piney Forest			2	2	28	1	2	31	30	65	95	7
Fleasant Hill					2	1	1	4	16	25	41	
Smyrna	6	9		15	3			3	49	65	114	
Seven Creeks												
Union Grove												
Whiteville	1			1	6	1	2	9	41	40	81	35
Total	62	38	28	128	59	25	26	110	585	944	1528	82

FINANCIAL.

	Min. Fund	Incidental	Poor	Repairs	Total	Other Objects	State Missions	Home mission	Foreign Missions	Education	Ministers' Aid	Orphanage	Total
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SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	POST OFFICE	CLERKS	POST OFFICE	No Officers and Teachers	No Scholars	No Volumes in Library	No Quarterlies and Papers	Sch'l Expenses	SUPERINTEND'TS	POST OFECIE
Chadbourn	T J Cobb	Chadbourn, N. C.	J A Thomp	Chadbourn, N C	8	45		60		B H Harnly	Chadbourn,
China Grove			D F Edwar	Cerro Gordo, " "	9	26	23		2 39	A Ward	"
Cherry Grove	C. Stanley	Sterling, " "	E Coleman	Fair Bluff, " "	8	32		40	4 65	E Celeman	Fair Bluff,
Cheerful Hope	N A Callihan		L H Malpas								
Cross Roads	T J Cobb	Chadbourn, " "	A M Kelly	Bladendoro, " "	7	83		58	7 62	Ira Lennon	Whiteville,
Griffin's X R's	M A Stephens	Lumberton, " "	G W Lenno	Orton, " "	8	81		32	2 65	M G Williamson	Evergreen,
Livingston's	R M Hilburn	Bladenboro, " "	MM Bordea	x	5	63					
Mt. Tabor	C Millican	Ashe, " "	McD. Fowl							F L Fipps	Mt. Tabor,
Macedania	A H Porter	Orton, " "	W W Brow	Cerro Gordo, " "	13	60	24	34	5 60	J Z Stone	Cerrogorodo
New Hope	G F Stanley		Z K Dyson								
Oak Dale											
Porter Swamp	J F Tuttle	Whiteville, " "	J B Harrel	on Cerro Gordo, " "	10	49	54	54	3 44	W W Hammond	
Piney Forest	T J Cobb	Chadbourn, " "	J W Powel	Grists, " "	13	61	25				
Pleasant Hill	C P Bullock	Haddock, " "	W A Bass	Peacocks, " "	7	43	50	25	70	U F Boswell	Peacocks.
Smyrna	J A Smith	Fair Bluff, " "	N W Fryar	Whiteville, " "	9	66			1 05	A Toon	Whiteville,
Seven Creeks											
Union Grove											
Whiteville	J F Tuttle	Whiteville, " "	R H Powell	Whiteville, " "	9	45	125	98	22 56	J L Memory	Whiteville,

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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Rev. A. H. PORTER	Orton, N. C.
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Rev. T. J. COBB	Chadbourn, N. C.
Rev. J. SOLES	Mt. Tabor, N. C.
Rev. J. P. LENNON	Applewhite, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

Cherry Grove Church, Sept. 30th, 1897.

The Columbus Baptist Association met in its tenth annual session. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. A. H. Porter, from Mark 2: 3, "And they come unto Him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four."

In the afternoon, the Moderator being absent, the Association was called to order by the Clerk. Rev. A. H. Porter was chosen Moderator pro tem. After the reading of the 100th Psalm, prayer was offered by Rev. J. T. Betts. The roll of churches was called, and a quorum not being present, on motion of brother Betts, the Association proceeded to business, proceedings subject to ratification of a majority.

The Moderator appointed brethren G. W. Lennon, A. J. Branch and D. R. Williamson, a Committee on Finance.

On motion, the letters were called for, read and approved.

Chadbourne.—S. F. Thompson, C. T. Thompson and B. H. Harnly.
Cherry Grove.—A. M. Worley, W. Y. Stickland and J. Foley.
China Grove—F. D. Page, J. Powers and D. F. Mercer.
Cheerful Hope.—Not represented.
Cross Roads.—A. H. Porter, A. J. Branch and G. Lennon.
Griffin's Cross Roads.—G. W. Lennon, J. T. Ellis and S. T. Arnold.
New Hope.—H. L. White and Z. K. Dyson.
Porter Swamp.—D. R. Williamson, J. A. Godwin and P. H. Godwin.
Piney Forest.—Wm. McClenny, W.H.Vann and J. W. Powell.
Macedonia.—By letter.
Mt. Tabor.—By letter.
Oakdale.—By letter.
Seven Creeks.—Not represented.
Smyrna.—S. C. Hayes, J. C. Black and C. P. Hammond.
Livingston's.—By letter.
Union Grove.—Not represented.
Whiteville.—J. I. Williamson, J. L. Memory and A. F. Powell.
Button.—D. Bullard, W. M. Bullard and H. H. Nobles.

An invitation to newly constituted churches who desire to unite with this body was given, when Button church came forward,

and brethren J. T. Betts, J. W. Cobb and G. W. Lennon were appointed to examine the articles of faith and report at this session of the Association.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren, when brethren J. W. Cobb, of the "North Carolina Baptist," C. F. Ramsbottom, Moses Pridgen and C. C. Gore were made welcome.

Permanent officers were elected as follows: For Moderator, J. L. Memory; for Clerk and Treasurer, A. M. Kelly.

Moderator appointed brethren A. M. Worley, A. M. Kelly and G. W. Lennon to act as a Committee on Religious Exercises, to select an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, and name brethren to prepare reports on the various objects of the Association, to be read and discussed at the next annual meeting.

At the suggestion of brother C. C. Gore, the Moderator appointed a committee, consisting of brethren C. F. Ramsbottom, A. H. Porter and A. M. Kelly, to confer with a committee of the Cape Fear Association, looking to a consolidation of the two Associations.

Rev. A. H. Porter read the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions is that department of our work in which all the associations are united in practical efforts to give the Gospel to the destitute sections of the State, and to establish Baptist churches and Sunday schools in every town, village and community in North Carolina.

For more than one hundred years our people have been engaged in this work, and there are now hundreds of Baptist churches all over our State, in the towns, villages and country places, which stand as a monument that have come through the persistent efforts of this Board, and yet the work is not all done. It will take $10,000 to do the work this year, as instructed by the last Convention, and only about one-half of this amount has been paid. Where are the $5,000 to come from? It must come from the churches and individual members.

The success of all our Foreign Mission work depends on our State Mission work. Here at home we must lay a foundation upon which to raise the structure from which shall go out an influence that shall bless the nations of the earth. Our State Mission work is not a failure. During the three quarters ended, the missionaries employed, report 1,000 conversions and 159 new Sunday schools organized. Then, dear brethren, let this work have your money, sympathy and prayers.

I believe that this is the harvest age of the world, and the golden sheaves are being gathered in. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious sheaves, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

A. H. PORTER.

The report was discussed by Revs. A. H. Porter, C. F. Ramsbottom and J. T. Betts, and adopted.

Committe on Religious Exercises reported preaching to-night at early candle light, by Rev. C. F. Ramsbottom; meet from day to day at 9.30 o'clock; spend half an hour in devotional exercises; adjourn at 12 o'clock m.; re-assemble at 1 o'clock p. m.; adjourn at 4 o'clock p. m. The Association to appoint at will some brother to preach from time to time during this session of the Association. Adopted.

In the absence of the brethren who were appointed at last Association to make reports for this meeting, the following appoint, ments were made: On Ministerial Education, Rev. C. F. Ramsbottom; on Foreign Missions, Rev. J. T. Betts; on Home Missions, A. M. Kelly; on Aged Ministers' Relief, Rev. A. H. Porter; on Periodicals, Rev. J. W. Cobb; on Intemperance, C. C. Gore; on Sunday Schools, G. W. Lennon.

Rev. A. H. Porter was appointed to conduct devotional exercises on to-morrow. Rev. J. T. Betts to preach at 11 o'clock a. m.

Prayer by Rev. C. F. Ramsbottom. Adjourned to meet at 9.30 a. m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

At 9.30 o'clock a. m., devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. A. H. Porter. The Association entered into business-brother J. L. Memory in the chair. The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

By request, brethren A. H. Porter and C. C. Gore exchanged subjects on which to write.

Churches not represented on yesterday came forward, as follows: Chadbourn, Piney Forest and China Grove. The letters were read and received.

Invitation to visitors was renewed. Brother J. H. Buffkin, from the Waccamaw Association, being present, was welcomed.

Brother C. C. Gore read the following:

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF.

The wornout or retired ministers, and their widows, who are dependent on the Baptists of North Carolina for support, and who are looking to us for this support, are so thankful for what they get. Could the Baptists of our beloved State realize their situation, they would no doubt contribute more largely to this

worthy cause. We recommend that the pastors of this Association bring this matter before their churches, and take without fail a collection for this object.

Respectfully submitted, C. C. GORE,
Committee.

The report was further discussed by brethren C. C. Gore, J. W. Cobb and C. F. Ramsbottom, and adopted. A cash collection of $1.93 was taken for this object.

The following report on Intemperance was made by Rev. A. H. Porter.

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

This is one of the grievious sins of our nation. Yes, it is a mighty scourage sweeping through our country, destroying all who come under its influence. It brings desolation, sorrow and even death itself in many of our homes. It brings trouble in our churches, as well as in our State and national legislatures. An intemperate man is not fit to belong to the church, nor to make laws for the people.

The latest statistics that we have show that liquor costs the people of the United States annually one billion of dollars. This is nearly twice as much as is spent for clothing, three times the amount spent for bread, and eleven times the cost of public schools. Brethren, we are not doing our duty in the suppression of this evil. What we need to-day is absolute prohibition. Let all Christians of every creed rise up in the name of our God and break the cords of this monster, and drive it from our land.

Respectfully submitted, A. H. PORTER,
Committee.

Brother Porter, with Revs. J. W. Cobb and J. T. Betts, further discussed the subject, and on motion, the report was adopted.

The hour having arrived for preaching, the Association gave way for the sermon, after which the body adjourned for dinner.

On re-assembling in the afternoon, prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Cobb.

Following is the report on Periodicals, as read by Rev. J. W. Cobb:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

More and more we realize the necessity of more general information concerning all our denominational work. Our people will respond to the needs of our cause in proportion to their knowledge of our enterprises. Realizing that the religious press is an important factor in giving the information that the people need, we would urge that our people take and read all the good literature possible. We especially recommend the "Biblical Re-

corder," the organ of the Batpists of North Carolina; the "North Carolina Baptist," "Charity and Children," and the "Foreign Mission Journal," as worthy of patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. COBB,
Committee.

The report was discussed by brethren J. W. Cobb, A. H. Porter and J. T. Betts. Adopted.

On motion, a vote of thanks be extended to Rev. J. W. Cobb for his visit and timely counsel, and that he be invited to come again.

The letter from New Hope was read and received.

Brethren C. P. Bullock and E. H. Todd, of the Cape Fear Association, were recognized and welcomed.

Committee to Examine Articles of Faith in case of Button church, reported as follows:

We, your committee appointed to inquire into the articles of faith and standing of the Button Baptist church, report that we have inquired into these matters and find that the church has been regularly constituted, and therefore recommend that said church be received into our Association.

J. T. BETTS,
C. F. RAMSBOTTOM,
G. W. LENNON,
Committee.

Report was received.

Consolidation Committe made the following report, which was adopted:

We, your committe, appointed by this body to confer with a committee of the Cape Fear Association relative to the advisability of uniting the two associations, report as follows: Believing that a consolidation of the two associations would give us a territory so large as to be unwieldy, and thus hinder the attendance at our meetings, recommend that this body respectfully decline the generous offer of the Cape Fear Association to unite with us.

C. F. RAMSBOTTOM,
A. H. PORTER,
A. M. KELLY,
Committee.

Resolved, that we, the Columbus Association, now in session, do hereby cordially invite all the churches in Columbus county to unite with us.

On motion, the Moderator and Clerk of this Association be appointed a committee to correspond with the churches named in the above resolution.

On motion, the Treasurer be authorized to pay all moneys in hand over to the proper authorities.

On motion, the location of the next session of the Association was taken up and given to Whiteville church, the Executive Committee to fix the time of meeting.

Committee to Name Brethren to Make Reports to be read at next session of the Association, reported as follows:

Orphanage, G. W. Lennon; Intemperance, C. Porter; State Missions, Rev. J. T. Betts; Home Missions, Rev. A. H. Porter; Foreign Missions, Rev. C. F. Ramsbottom; Education, B. H. Harnly; Aged Ministers' Relief, A. J. Maxwell; Sunday Schools, Dr. J. F. Harrell; Colportage, Rev. J. T. Betts; Executive Committee, Revs. J. T. Betts, C. F. Ramsbottom and A. H. Porter, and brethren N. W. Fryer and J. L. Memory.

On motion, the report was received.

Rev. J. T. Betts read the report on Foreign Missions.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

He who said, "Begin at Jerusalem," "go first to the lost sheep of the house of Israel," "go into all the world;" "Ye shall be my witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the world;" "Go ye therefore, and lo! I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." This means Foreign Missions. Our Lord has placed upon His people the responsibility of giving the Gospel to the world.

The work commends itself to us then:

1st. Because it is divinely imposed; we cannot be loyal to our Lord's commands unless we look after this work.

2d. The work commends itself to us because the heathen are lost without the Gospel. "He that believeth not is condemned already," whether at home or abroad.

3d. Because its reflex influences promote spiritual life in our churches and in our hearts.

We recommend that the members of our churches pray more and pay more for this great work, until God's kingdom shall come and His will shall be done in all the earth, even as it is done in heaven.

To this end, we recommend that our pastors preach regularly upon missions. Let them give the people the Word and give them the facts about our missionary work and they will give to the support of the work.

We further recommend the organization of Woman's Missionary Societies, to enlist our sisters in this work.

We would urge, also, that our pastors appoint committees in their churches to solicit contributions from each member, and then follow this work with a public collection.

Again, we cordially commend the "Foreign Mission Journal" and the literature published by the Central Committee, much of

which can be gotten free on application to brother R. J. Willingham, our Corresponding Secretary, in Richmond, Va.

Lastly, we recommend that, if a church belonging to this Association fails to give anything to our Missionary Board for twelve months, that the Moderator shall either visit the church, or send some brother to see them, to inquire into their spiritual condition.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. BETTS,
Committee.

After discussion by Revs. J. T. Betts and C. F. Ramsbottom, the report was, on motion, adopted, and pledges were made for this object as follows: Chadbourn, $5; China Grove, $2; Cherry Grove, $5; Cross Roads, $10; Griffin's Cross Roads, $5; Macedonia, $3; New Hope, $5; Porter Swamp, $5; Piney Forest, $2.50; Pleasant Hill, by pastor, $2; Smyrna, $3; Whiteville, $15; cash collection, $2.30; total, $64.80.

Pledges for State Missions were also made: China Grove, 50 cents; Cherry Grove, $1; Cross Roads, $5; Griffin's Cross Roads, $2.50; Macedonia, $2; Porter Swamp, $5; Piney Forest, $1.50; Pleasant Hill, by pastor $1; Smyrna, $2; Whiteville, $15; total, $35.50.

"All hail the power of Jesus' name," was sung.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 9.30 o'clock a. m. to-morrow. Prayer by Rev. C. F. Ramsbottom.

THIRD DAY.

Devotional exercises were conducted by A. M. Kelly. Moderator in the chair. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Treasurer submitted the following report, which was approved:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1896.				
Oct. 22.	By balance in hand			$ 2 92
	By amount received of Finance Committee			29 05
	To amount paid A. Johnson	$ 2 51		
	To amount paid J. D. Boushall, Treasurer	11 09		
Nov. 28.	To amount paid J. D. Boushall, order of Executive Committee	6 27		
1897.				
Sept.	... To amount paid for blanks and State Missions	2 10		
	Minutes	10 00		
	Total	$31 97		$31 97

Delegated to the Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. C. F. Ramsbottom. Delegated to Baptist State Convention, G. W. Lennon; J. L. Memory, alternate.

The letter from Smyrna was read and received.

Rev. C. F. Ramsbottom read the report on Ministerial Education.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

One of the pressing needs of our denomination is a better educated and more enlightened ministry. We need men in our pulpits who can lead the people along all the lines Christian activity; men who can interest them in our great denominational enterprises. Men, too, who know the Word of God and have the ability to teach it to others.

To meet this demand, our own denominational schools, Wake Forest College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, have been established. These schools not only educate, but lend material assistance to young men who would otherwise be unable to attend them. In order that they may do this, the churches must of necessity contribute liberally to the boards who have this work in charge.

Young men in the ministry should be encouraged to avail themselves of the opportunities thus given them. Let all the churches respond liberally to this cause.

C. F. RAMSBOTTOM,
Committee.

The report was discussed by brother Ramsbottom, and adopted.

The report on Home Missions was read by the Clerk.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We take it that no department of our missionary work deserves the sympathies and prayers of our people more than that of Home Missions. In giving us a rich land and a free government, God has made it obligatory on us to establish His Kingdom in our midst.

The Negroes, the Indians and the foreign population which is pouring into our land, must be won to Christ if we would wrest the calamities that threaten us.

Cuba's struggle to throw off the Roman yoke, together with the blessings of God on our labors there, should call forth our deepest interest and most fervent prayers in her behalf.

We recommend to all the churches that an effort be made to inform themselves as to this work, and that liberal contributions be made to the Home Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. KELLY,
Committee.

The report was discussed and adopted.

A cash collection amounting to $1.68 was taken for State Missions, and the following pledges were made for Home Missions: Cherry Grove, $2; Cross Roads, $5; Griffin's Cross Roads, $5; Smyrna, $1; Whiteville, $15; total, $28.

Brother G. W. Lennon read the report on Sunday Schools.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday school, we think, has justly been styled "the nursery of the church," and is really the place for the development of the young members of the church, and the enlightment of the older ones. That the Sunday school has to do largely with the shaping of the church, we think every candid mind will admit. It is in this work that all classes, young and old, learn more of God's,eternal Word, and thus be prepared to meet and counteract the many false doctrines that are afloat in our own beloved country. What a mighty force we would have were all of us doing our duty in this important work. Remember, that the apostle James says that "faith without works is dead."

Respectfully submitted, G. W. LENNON,
Committee.

"What a friend we have in Jesus," was sung by the congregation.

Brother S. F. Thompson read the report on the Orphanage.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

Our Baptist Orphanage, located at Thomasville, N. C., is an institution worthy of and should demand the attention of every Baptist in the bounds of the Columbus Association, and the State at large.

When we look around our own firesides and see the many necessities staring us in the face, and realizing the many duties we owe our children, we can see at a glance the great responsibilities resting on us as parents. If this be true in our own homes, we beg to show you a family that numbers about one hundred and thirty, with no father, no mother, no home, no education, no clothes, nor nothing to eat except by and through the Orphanage, a charitable institution of the Baptists of North Carolina.

We recommend that the churches of the Columbus Association take collections quarterly for this worthy cause, and forward the same to brother Ivey Allen, the Treasurer, at Thomasville, N. C.

Respectfully submitted, S. F. THOMPSON,
Committee.

After further discussion, the report was adopted.

A cash collection of $1.83 was taken for this object, and the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That each church within the Columbus Association

meet in its place of worship on Thanksgiving Day and take a collection in cash or in kind for our Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C.

On motion, Rev. C. F. Ramsbottom was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon at Whiteville; Rev. A. H. Porter, alternate.

The constitutional amendment rescinded at Cross Roads in 1894, was, on motion, re-established.

On motion of G. W. Lennon, a vote of thanks was extended to the church for entertaining the Association.

On motion, the minutes as a whole were read and ratified.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Finance Committee made the following report, which was approved:

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to report that we have received in cash the following amounts: Ministers' Relief, $1.50; Foreign Missions, $8.36; State Missions, $8.35; Home Missions, $2.05; Orphanage, $3.35; Education, $1; Minute Fund, $12.56; cash collections, $7.79; total, $45.41.

On moiton, the Association adjourned to meet at Whiteville, at the time which may be fixed by the Executive Committee.

J. L. MEMORY, Moderator.

A. M. KELLY, Clerk.

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Total.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total	Males.	Females.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidentals.	Poor.	Minute Fund.	Repairs.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Minister's Relief.	Sunday Schools.	Other Objects.
Chadbourn	1	2	--	3	2	--	--	2	15	22	37	$50 00	$ -----	$ -----	$ 40	----	$ 1 50	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
China Grove	11	1	--	12	--	--	1	1	35	45	80	21 72	-----	2 25	35	-----	2 05	---	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Cherry Grove	17	1	2	20	8	6	1	15	69	162	231	44 00	-----	-----	50	3 50	80	80	80	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
* Cheerful Hope	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Cross Roads	13	3	1	17	4	--	1	5	61	103	164	103 00	6 08	-----	1 25	-----	11 24	5 11	10 48	3 05	3 00	3 00	-----	23 85
Mt. Tabor	14	--	3	17	13	3	1	17	54	140	194	37 10	8 00	-----	1 00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Macedonia	--	--	--	--	36	--	--	36	50	62	112	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	2 01	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
New Hope	--	7	--	7	7	5	1	13	45	70	115	50 00	9 00	35 00	1 15	35 00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Oakdale	8	--	1	9	1	1	2	4	24	41	65	22 00	-----	-----	50	-----	-----	55	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Pleasant Hill	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Porter Swamp	--	1	2	3	1	--	1	2	44	82	126	100 00	-----	1 50	50	-----	2 75	1 50	2 00	1 00	1 50	-----	-----	-----
Piney Forest	--	--	--	--	4	1	--	5	23	64	87	75 00	-----	-----	1 00	-----	14 80	1 40	8 49	-----	7 69	2 00	1 85	-----
Seven Creeks	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Smyrna	7	2	1	10	2	8	1	11	46	72	118	50 00	-----	-----	1 20	25 00	6 75	-----	1 50	-----	3 50	-----	-----	-----
Union Grove	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Whiteville	--	--	--	--	10	--	3	13	35	39	74	-----	20 00	-----	2 25	-----	10 00	-----	21 05	-----	-----	-----	7 50	-----
Griffin's Cross Roads	10	9	--	19	--	1	1	2	48	96	144	80 00	9 50	5 00	1 16	-----	5 20	3 28	9 45	-----	5 27	1 55	-----	-----
Livingston's	--	--	1	1	6	1	--	7	42	53	95	60 00	2 50	-----	30	-----	-----	-----	2 00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

* Not represented.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.
Chadbourn	J. A. Smith, Fair Bluff, N. C.	J. A. Thompson, Chadbourn, N. C.
China Grove	C. Stanley, Sterling, N. C	D. F. Edwards, Cerro Gordo, N. C.
Cherry Grove	C. Stanley, Sterling, N C	E. Coleman, Fair Bluff, N. C.
Cheerful Hope		
Cross Roads	T. J. Cobb, Chadbourn, N. C	A. M. Kelly, Bladenboro, N. C.
Mt. Tabor	C. Millikin, Ashe, N. C	McD. Fowler, Tabor, N. C.
Macedonia	A. H. Porter, Orton, N. C	W. W. Brown, Cerro Gordo, N. C.
New Hope	G. F. Stanly, Loris, S. C	Z. K. Dyson, Vineland, N. C.
Oakdale	D. H. Hilburn, Bladenboro, N. C	A. N. Subbett, Orton, N. C.
Pleasant Hill		
Porter Swamp	J. F. Betts, Whiteville, N. C	J. B. Harrelson, Cerro Gordo, N. C.
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Smyrna	A. H. Porter, Orton, N. C	N. W. Fryer, Whiteville, N. C.
Union Grove		
Whiteville		R. H. Powell, Whiteville N. C.
Griffin's Cross Roads	M. A. Stephens, Lumberton, N. C	G. W. Lennon, Orton, N. C.
Livingston's	J. T. Cain, Not given	M. M. Bordeaux, Applewhite, N. C.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. Volumes in Library.	No. Quarterlies Taken.	School Expenses.	Contributions for all Objects.	India Sufferers. (W. M. S.)
Chadbourn	B. H. Horney, Chadbourn, N. C							
China Grove	A. Ward, Chadbourn, N. C	8	41	24		1 00		
Cherry Grove	E. Coleman, Fair Bluff, N. C	8	82		48	4 50		
Cheerful Hope								
Cross Roads	Ira Lennon, Whiteville, N. C	9	84		84	8 77	82	
Mt. Tabor	J. Soles, Tabor N. C	11	38	200	38	13 83		
Macedonia	J. Z. Stone, Hub, N. C							
New Hope	L. W. Stanly, Vineland, N. C	9	60	24	24	3 00		
Oakdale	E. T. Wyatt, Orton, N. C	7	35	25	12	2 50		
Pleasant Hill								
Porter Swamp	W. M. Hammond, Cerro Gordo, N. C	7	35		38	4 00		
Piney Forest	Luke I. Yates, Grist, N. C	13	60	50	30	6 20		
Seven Creeks								
Smyrna	H. Toon, Whiteville, N. C	10	85		75	11 15		
Union Grove								
Whiteville	J. L. Memory, Whiteville, N. C	8	60	100	80	28 28	11 79	
Griffin's Cross Roads	N. Y. Williamson, Evergreen, N. C	7	80		50	4 00	2 20	2 50
Livingston's	A. E. Hilburn, Applewhite, N. C	6	53			1 42	2 36	1 00